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After accord signed on Friday

SEPARATION OF FORCES BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, WILL END IN 40 DAYS

By ZE'EV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV.—The separation of Israeli and Egyptian forces will begin next Sunday. The entire process of disengagement is to be carried out and completed over a period of 40 days.

The agreement, signed Friday noon at Kilometre 101 by Rav-Aluf David Elazar and the Egyptian Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. Mohammed Gamasy, also stipulates a total observance of the cease-fire. This went into effect at 6 a.m. on Friday, and as of last night no violations of the cease-fire had been reported.

Disengagement will be implemented in three stages. The first two stages will take 14 days each.

By the end of the third stage, to last 12 days, both sides will have to be deployed behind their new lines with their forces diluted to the agreed levels.

R/A Elazar will meet with Gen. Gamasy again today to discuss the implementation. The original agreement stipulated that nine days after the signing the process of separation would begin. The nine days would be given over to working out details of the timetable.

The disengagement agreement was signed in four copies. One each was kept by the parties, and two by the U.N. Two copies were initialled by the parties and a third was fully signed by the two Chiefs of Staff and Unef General Siilasvuo, who affixed his signature as a "witness."

A "top secret" map, scaled 100,000 to 1, showing the new demarcation lines, was attached to the document.

There will be three separate zones. The first (A to B lines) will contain the U.N. buffer zone along a line six to eight kms. parallel to the Suez six to 10 kms. east of the waterway. West of this are the areas taken by the Egyptian Second and Third armies during the initial phase of their assault. The Israelis are east of the U.N. zone, some 20 kms. from the Canal.

Under the new agreement the Egyptians will not be permitted to have more than 7,000 men in their zone, split into eight infantry battalions, including supporting anti-tank (missile) and engineering units.

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Rav-Aluf Elazar, with Aluf Avraham Adan, OC, Southern Command (right) emerging from the Km. 101 tent after signing ceremony on Friday. (Rubinger)

Their artillery will be limited to eight batteries of no more than 36 guns and these will in turn be restricted to 122 mm. (short) howitzer types which have a range of only 11 kms.

The Egyptians will not be permitted to set up any missile sites on the east side of the Canal and will not be permitted to have any missile batteries within 30 kms. of the buffer zone. But the difference is that while they cannot build installations on the east side they could easily rehabilitate batteries and make them operational west of the Canal within a matter of hours. The Egyptians will also be allowed only 30 tanks along their Sinai line.

The Egyptians now have over five divisions, an estimated 60,000 to 70,000 men, in Second and Third Army units east of the Suez Canal. They still have about 700 operational tanks (although how much fuel and ammunition may still be available to the Third Army is not known). They also still have about 1,000 artillery pieces, not counting mortars.

The Egyptians will not be limited in other than missile site fortifications to be set up by them west of the Suez Canal.

To summarize: the Egyptian lines range from six to 10 kms. east of the Suez Canal and lake area shores

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Egyptian Gen. Gamasy after he signed the agreement.

THE AGREEMENT

A — Egypt and Israel will scrupulously observe the cease-fire on land, sea and air called for by the U.N. Security Council and will refrain from the time of the signing of this document from all military or para-military actions against each other.

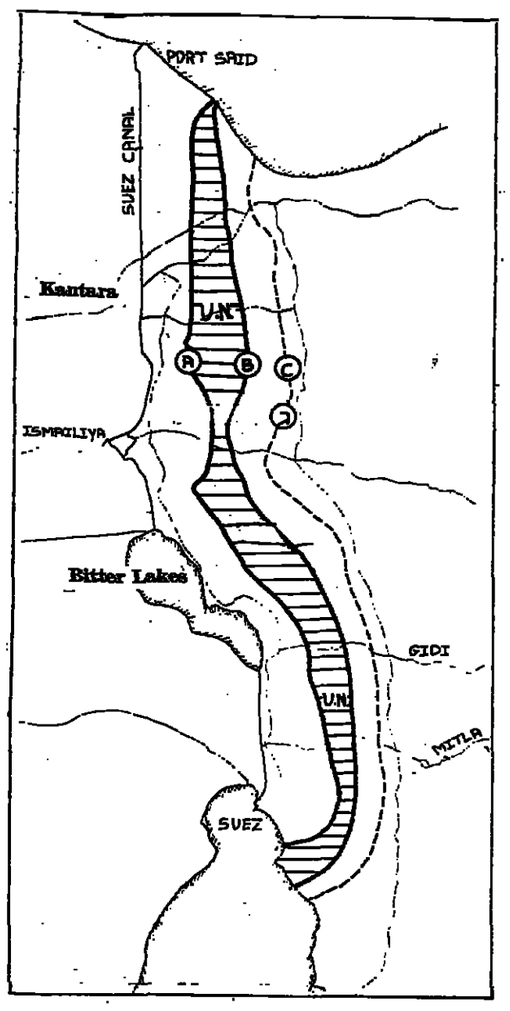
B — The military forces of Egypt and Israel will be separated in accordance with the following principles:-

1. All Egyptian forces on the east side of the Canal will be redeployed west of the line designated as line A on the attached map. All Israeli forces, including those west of the Suez Canal and the Bitter Lakes, will be deployed east of the line designated as line B on the attached map.
2. The area between the Egyptian and Israeli lines will be a zone of disengagement in which the United Nations Emergency Force (Unef) will be stationed. Unef will continue to consist of units from countries that are not permanent members of the Security Council.
3. The area between the Egyptian line and the Suez Canal will be limited in armament and forces.
4. The area between the Israeli line (line B on the attached map) and the line designated as line C on the attached map, which runs along the western base of the mountains where the Gidi and Mitla passes are located, will be limited in armament and forces.
5. The limitations referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 will be inspected by Unef. Existing procedures of the Unef, including the attaching of Egyptian and Israeli liaison officers to Unef, will be continued.
6. Air forces of the two sides will be permitted to operate up to their respective lines without interference from the other side.

C — The detailed implementation of the disengagement of forces will be worked out by military representatives of Egypt and Israel who will agree on the stages of this process. These representatives will meet no later than 48 hours after the signature of this agreement at Kilometre 101 under the aegis of the United Nations for this purpose.
They will complete this task within five days. Disengagement will begin within 48 hours after the completion of the work of the military representatives and in no event later than seven days after the signature of this agreement. The process of disengagement wil be completed not later than 40 days after it begins.

D — This agreement is not regarded by Egypt and Israel as a final peace agreement. It constitutes a first step toward a final, just and durable peace according to the provisions of Security Council Resolution 338 and within the framework of the Geneva conference.

New deployment of forces along the Suez Canal



MORE SNOW

The relatively mild weekend was just a respite, the weatherman warned last night. His forecast for today: more snow in the hills. Elsewhere, showers with scattered thunderstorms and strong winds. Local sandstorms are expected in Sinai and the Negev.

No 'scorched earth' with withdrawal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel has assured Egypt it will not lay waste to the existing installations on the west bank of the Suez Canal as it withdraws.

The assurance was given on Friday by Chief of Staff David Elazar to the Egyptian Chief of Staff, Lt.-General Mohamemd Gamasy, after they signed the disengagement accord.

In assuring General Gamasy that Israel would not pursue a scorched earth policy while withdrawing, R/A Elazar said that this could be considered a sign of Israel's good faith and its interest in seeing restoration of normal civilian life along the Suez Canal.

He pointed out, however, that many military installations were damaged in the course of the war.

(According to sources in Jerusalem, Israel informed President Sadat, during the negotiations through Dr. Kissinger, that all the movable military equipment that was found on the west bank had already been removed. But the fixed military installations, such as at Fayid Airport, and all civilian facilities would be left intact.)

In a meeting with military correspondents yesterday, Rav-Aluf Elazar said that release of reservists would begin only after the disengagement of forces is completed.

On Friday, immediately after signing the agreement, R/A Elazar told reporters the meeting was conducted in a "good spirit" but that he and General Gamasy had not shaken hands. They sat at a three-sided table, flanking U.N. General Ensio Siilasvuo.

THREE FREEZE TO DEATH IN SINAI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three officers froze to death on Thursday night in a Sinai snowstorm, the army spokesman revealed last night.

The three were in a party of eight soldiers who set out in two vehicles from Sharm e-Sheikh to Santa Katerina. Some six kilometres from the Jebel Mussa monastery their cars got stuck. After radioing back to base, the eight set out on foot in hopes of reaching shelter.

A helicopter was sent out to look for the eight soldiers, but could not get through till Friday morning. By then the minus-18-degree desert storm had taken three lives. A fourth soldier—a woman—was reported in critical condition yesterday.

The dead men are Rav-Seren Meir Sella, Seren Mottie Puznik and Seren Haim Tweig.

KISS FOR KISSINGER—President Sadat embraces and kisses Dr. Henry Kissinger when they met in Aswan on Friday after the Secretary's arrival from Jerusalem. (AP radiophoto)

PLO silent

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the roof body of the terrorists, refrained from issuing any official comment on the Israel-Egyptian agreement. The PLO chief, Yasser Arafat, yesterday held talks with Egyptian Minister of Interior Mamdouh Salem.

The same make

When the clause about keeping artillery restricted to 122-mm. howitzers was discussed with Dr. Kissinger, the Secretary of State remarked: "I trust you have something similar to these Russian-made guns?"

To which the Chief of Staff replied: "We have them too—exactly the same make."

Kissinger aiming for Syrian accord

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is scheduled to arrive in Damascus today to work on a disengagement agreement between Syria and Israel in the spirit of the accord which Israel and Egypt signed on Friday.

The Secretary of State is planning to return to Washington from Damascus, with a stopover in Jerusalem en route.

The success of Dr. Kissinger's mediation between Damascus and Jerusalem seems entirely dependent on whether Syria backs down from its refusal to release the list of the Israeli PoWs in its hands and permits the International Red Cross to visit them. Any change in Syria's position on the prisoner issue is likely to facilitate a disengagement agreement and subsequent political negotiations between Syria and Israel within the framework of the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Dr. Kissinger spent last night in the Jordanian port city of Akaba, where he had talks with King Hussein and his top aides on the Middle East conflict. The Secretary of State had come to Akaba from the Upper Egypt town of Aswan, after shuttling all week long between Egypt and Israel.

SADAT IN DAMASCUS

The Secretary's visit to Damascus today follows a brief one by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday. The Egyptian leader, who declared that his disengagement agreement with Israel also committed Egypt vis-a-vis the Syrian front (since the two countries have a joint military command), held intensive talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad.

Sadat later arrived in Kuwait late on the third leg of a swing through Arab oil-producing states. (On Friday night he visited Saudi Arabia). His tour sparked off speculation that he might be carrying a U.S. plea for an end to the Arab oil embargo.

Sadat's prestige now appears dependent on Syrian preparedness to follow in Egypt's footsteps and cooperate with the U.S. Secretary of State in his current Middle East efforts.

Although they have recently advocated that a disengagement on the Suez Canal be coordinated with a simultaneous separation of forces on their front, the Syrians have so far demonstrated reluctance to negotiate the issue. At one stage they made the release of the PoW list conditional on the repatriation of some 15,000 Syrians to villages located in the bulge which Israel took in the October War. Later, however, Syria linked the prisoner issue to an overall settlement, demanding an Israeli pledge to complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

The Egyptians, it is reported, are trying to pursuade Syria to release the prisoners' list against a disengagement agreement calling for an Israeli pullback to the post-Six-Day War cease-fire line and the creation of a buffer zone in the territory taken during the October War.

Syrian President Assad over the weekend held a series of consultations with the heads of state of Jordan, Algeria and Libya. No details were disclosed on these contacts.

TALKS WITH HUSSEIN

A disengagement of forces on the Syrian front is believed to have been one of the main topics King Hussein discussed with Dr. Kissinger last night. The Jordanian monarch has expressed the opinion that the disengagement on the Suez Canal front should include a separation of forces on the Syrian front and on his own "front," along the Jordan River.

So far there has been no elaboration from Jordan on its demand for a disengagement with Israel. Unlike the Egyptian and Syrian fronts, there are no military concentrations or activities along Israel's frontier with Jordan.

King Hussein is believed to have two main aims: to thwart the demand by militant Arab regimes that Jordan allow the terrorists to return to its territory for anti-Israel activity, and to achieve an international presence (UNEF men, for instance) between Jordan and the West Bank, which the Arab states, including Egypt, say should not revert to Amman but should be "restored" to the Palestinians.

Mrs. Meir to attend Knesset

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Premier Golda Meir will be well enough to attend the Knesset opening tomorrow afternoon and the political debate on Tuesday, her aides said last night. The Premier had not yet decided last night whether to attend today's weekly Cabinet meeting.

It would be her first time out of doors since she was taken ill almost three weeks ago.

In the Knesset tomorrow, Mrs. Meir, as the oldest member, will preside over the opening session until a speaker is elected, and administer the oath of allegiance to the other 119 members.

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Sharon quits army today

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf Ariel Sharon told *The Jerusalem Post* that he is doffing his army uniform today. Sharon is a general in the reserves and a divisional commander on the west bank of the Suez Canal. He was called back to the army on Yom Kippur.

He confirmed that he plunging immediately into political activity and is calling a press conference this afternoon in Tel Aviv — presumably to air his reservations on the disengagement accord. In the evening he will address a mass Likud rally in Kikar Malchei Yisrael (Town Hall Square).

Mr. Sharon will go to the Knesset tomorrow to be sworn in as an M.K. —sixth on the Likud list, on behalf on the Liberal Party. It is understood from Likud sources that Mr. Sharon will be among the Likud leaders who will spearhead the Opposition's attack on the Government's latest move. Together with Likud chairman Menahem Begin, he is expected to present a motion against the disengagement agreement with Egypt.

Meir, Sadat sign Nixon letter as part of disengagement pact

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's Premier Meir and Egypt's President Sadat signed their names on Friday to identical letters from President Nixon setting out details of troop reductions to be undertaken by both sides in the Canal Zone.

The letters, which will not be published, were submitted to the two leaders by Secretary of State Kissinger. Top-secret accords were also signed between Israel and the U.S. and between Egypt and the U.S., with both Israel and Egypt having been apprised of the contents of the accord between the U.S. and the other side.

President Nixon deliberately wrote that his letter was to be seen as part of the formal Israel-Egypt disengagement agreement, signed by the two Chiefs of Staff at Kilometre 101 on Friday. In writing this — on Secretary Kissinger's advice — he met with consummate skill Israel's demand for direct undertakings from Egypt, and Egypt's reluctance to give specific undertakings on troop reductions to Israel but greater readiness to give undertakings to the U.S. instead.

The letters also entailed a direct and personal involvement by the hard-pressed U.S. President in his Secretary's Middle East diplomatic coup. Late Thursday night, President Nixon phoned both Premier Meir and President Sadat to thank them for their share in reaching the disengagement agreement. This was Mr. Nixon's first telephone conversation with the Egyptian President.

PEACE AND PROGRESS

Dr. Kissinger stressed to Israeli ministers and officials last week that he was impressed by President Sadat's apparently sincere desire to lead his country to peace and economic progress. The U.S. Secretary said that after his many meetings with the Egyptian President, both alone and with other officials, he was more convinced than ever of Mr. Sadat's peaceful aims. Mr. Sadat hoped to go down in Egyptian history as a builder of his country's economy and prosperity, Dr. Kissinger said.

The secret U.S.-Israel accords also refer to U.S. help in ensuring that both sides adhere to the terms of the disengagement.

Egypt and the U.S. agreed secretly that Egypt would prepare the Suez Canal for reopening. Egypt also agreed to restore civilian and commercial life in the Canal-side cities. (These were Israeli demands designed to bring about an overall abatement of tension in the Canal Zone.)

Although the disengagement agreement is not formally limited to any specific time, Israeli observers believe it will mean in effect a respite from intense diplomatic pressures for some nine months — until Egypt has prepared the Canal for reopening. These observers expect Egypt to balk at actually opening the waterway until there is further diplomatic movement along the path towards permanent settlement.

GENEVA IN MARCH

These observers say the Geneva conference will probably move back into action in early March — once the disengagement has been fully implemented and the two armies are settled in their new positions. Egypt-Israel working groups will probably be set up on various aspects of an overall settlement, with Israel attaching greatest importance to an early definition of the "nature of the final peace" — which it sees as vitally influencing all the other terms of a peace settlement.

On Dr. Kissinger's contact with Syria today to explore the possibility of Israel-Syrian disengagement, well-placed Israeli sources said the U.S. Secretary wholly accepted the Israel position that no moves were possible in this direction until Syria published a list of Israeli PoWs and allowed the Red Cross to visit them. Dr. Kissinger has promised that the PoW issue would be the first he will raise with President Assad.

Israeli officials who took parts in the three rounds of talks with Dr. Kissinger said they proceeded along the following outline.

Round one: Principles of disengagement.

Round two: Israel and Egypt present concrete disengagement plans. Dr. Kissinger undertakes to transmit each of them to the other side. He warns in advance, however, that certain features of each side's plan would certainly be unacceptable to the other side — [illegible] counsels each side therefore [illegible] prepare alternative terms.

Round three: The sides having drawn closer to each other, talks now proceed on the details of the disengagement terms until final agreement is reached.

After meeting with Mrs. Meir early Friday morning, Dr. Kissinger and his aides left on the U.S. Air Force Boeing from Ben-Gurion Airport for Aswan for the Secretary's fourth and last meeting with President Sadat within one week to finalize the disengagement agreement. The Secretary was all smiles as he parted with hearty handshakes from Foreign Minister Abba Eban, U.S. Ambassador Kenneth Keating and Deputy-Director-General of the Foreign Ministry Ephraim Evron. He made it a point to shake hands with all the Israeli security officials and policemen who had looked after his safety here throughout last week.

Since parts of the Jerusalem-Aviv road were still blocked by snow-bound cars Friday [illegible] Israel Railways laid on a train with a dining car [illegible] Dr. Kissinger, Mr. E[illegible] aides on a 90-minute [illegible] the Lod train station [illegible] they proceeded to the [illegible] motorcade.

Chinese-South Vietnamese fight sea battle

SAIGON (AP). — A Communist Chinese naval task force with guided missiles battled South Vietnamese ships yesterday in the South China Sea. The Saigon command said a 60-man Chinese vessel was sunk and a South Vietnamese patrol boat with 100 men aboard was hit by a missile and feared lost.

The Chinese and South Vietnamese also clashed on an island in the battle area, and two South Vietnamese soldiers were killed and two wounded. The South Vietnamese shelled the island after being pushed off of it.

Radio Saigon said in an unconfirmed report that South Vietnamese warplanes took part in the battle. The Chinese task force included 11 ships.

The Chinese missiles forced the South Vietnamese task force to withdraw from the strategic Paracel Islands, prized as a possible base for offshore oil exploration around the chain of some 50 atolls, coral reefs and shoals.

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Social and Personal

Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig and Minister of Interior Yosef Burg last night addressed a session of the conference of the Rabbinical Council of America at Hechal Shlomo in Jerusalem.

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Werner Figgen, Minister of Labour, Health and Social Welfare of North Rhine-Westphalia, visited the Technion last week and met with senior staff members. On Friday the Minister met with Acting Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel.

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Members of the New York United Jewish Appeal study mission, headed by Herbert Tenzer, visited the Weizmann Institute of Science on Friday and were received by Prof. Isaac Berenblum.

ARRIVALS

Morton L. Mandel, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, from Cleveland, at the head of a group of 100 U.S. leaders of the JWB, to hold their first board meeting in Israel and to inaugurate a new headquarters.

Ralph Cohen, president of Ampal-American Israel Corporation, from New York, on behalf of the corporation (by El Al).

Geller amazes German viewers

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Israeli Uri Geller confounded West Germans Friday night when he went on television to display his claimed mind-over-matter powers. After the show, thousands of German televiewers called up the station to claim that silver forks bent in their hands and broken watches began to tick again under Uri's influence.

One of those astonished was reportedly Katharina Vocke, 51, Bonn's Minister for Health and Youth Affairs. "Bild" newspaper said she witnessed Uri's performance at the TV studio, then visited him in the dressing room afterwards.

Breathless, Mrs. Vocke handed a silver spoon to Uri and asked him to exert his "magic" forces, "Bild" said. "The Israeli obliged and in 20 seconds the spoon went crooked under his fingers." "Bild" said Frau Vocke "blushed like a schoolgirl and planted a kiss on both of Uri Geller's cheeks."

T.A. TAXI DRIVER KNIFED BY YOUTHS

TEL AVIV. — A local taxi driver was knifed in the arm on Friday while successfully fighting off two youthful passengers who tried to rob him and then fled.

The unnamed driver, aged 35, picked up the two in Rehov Allenby. When they reached their destination in Rehov Giborei Yisrael, one of them pulled out a knife and demanded the driver's money. In the ensuing struggle the driver wrested the knife away [illegible] was wounded in the process.

The driver was given first aid at Ichilov Hospital. Police later picked up two youths from Jaffa and South Tel Aviv, aged 20 and 21, as suspects. (Itim)

The snows melt in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff

The chaotic traffic tie-ups caused by Thursday's snowstorm in the Jerusalem area began to untangle on Friday morning as warming weather began to melt the snow.

The main highway to Tel Aviv, which was closed to traffic shortly after the snow started falling on Thursday morning, was reopened about noon on Friday.

The thawing snow caused extensive flooding of homes. Twenty cases were reported yesterday.

Thousands of out-of-towners made a snow pilgrimage to the capital yesterday to view the last remnants of Thursday's storm. Cars filled with children could be seen atop Mt. Scopus and other points offering views of contoured hills outlined in snow and whitened rooftops. Some drivers of cars with Tel Aviv licence plates were piling snow on roof racks or in plastic bags for the trip home.

A Municipal spokesman said last night that the Municipality is considering barring all traffic on certain arteries the moment that snow begins to fall, in order to prevent their being blocked by skidding cars. This would apply to stretches such as Rehov Yirmiahu and Herzl Boulevard which are usually blocked in snowstorms. The Municipality is also considering a by-law which would oblige all grocery owners to keep their shops open after normal hours during snowstorms to enable supplies to reach them.

The Municipal Emergency Headquarters, which has been operating around the clock since going on a snow standby on Wednesday, made preparations last night for additional snowfalls or icing conditions. City Manager Ronnie Feinstein thanked the army for the help it had given in vehicles and manpower during the snowstorm.

In Tel Aviv, the receding waters of Nahal Ayalon (Wadi Musrara) over the weekend enabled traffic to use the Nahlat Yitzhak and Kaplan bridges, flooded in last week's downpours.

In the north, the waters of Lake Kinneret continued to rise — 9 cm. in the 24-hour period ending yesterday evening. Since the beginning of the winter, the lake level has risen by 26 cm., but still 1.55 metres below normal.

Since each centimetre means about 1.6 million cu.m. of water in the entire lake, the deficit as of yesterday was some 240 million cu.m.

But the run-off through the wadis continues and the lake level is expected to continue to rise this week.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Intermittent showers with scattered thunderstorms and strong winds. Local sandstorms in Sinai and Negev. Snow expected in hills.

Weather synopsis: A barometric low over northeast Cyprus is moving eastward, causing an inflow of cold air into our area.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	61	4—8	2—5
Golan	93	1—4	0—1
Nahariya	50	6—16	3—12
Safed	99	3—5	1—2
Haifa	57	10—15	9—13
Tiberias	66	7—17	5—12
Nazareth	75	7—12	4—9
Afula	55	6—16	6—12
Shomron	57	7—10	4—7
Tel Aviv	44	9—16	8—12
Lod	50	8—16	7—12
Jericho	52	6—17	5—14
Gaza	45	8—17	7—14
Beersheba	43	5—14	5—12
Elat	37	7—18	7—16
Tiran	33	9—19	7—17

The Premier and Dr. Kissinger share a joke as they pose at Mrs. Meir's residence on Friday. (K. Weiss)

'You made history, Dr. K.' Golda: A great day

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir called the day the disengagement agreement was signed at Km. 101 "a great day... the beginning of a process which will lead to a permanent peace between Egypt and Israel."

The Premier's statement, at her Friday morning meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was taped by Israel Radio reporter Andrew Meisels. She added: "I sincerely and honestly believe that you have made history this week. I want to tell you, on behalf of the people of Israel, how much we appreciate it. I want to tell the President of the United States that his policy of understanding the... problems of Israel and its neighbours has certainly led to this day.

"There will be many mothers, young wives, children in the next few days," Mrs. Meir went on, "who will see their dear ones — who have for many months been on the fronts, guarding the security and safety of Israel — come home, and they will be very happy."

She told Dr. Kissinger with a laugh, "Wisdom is something you are either born with or not, so for that you deserve no special credit. But for your patience we thank you."

Dr. Kissinger said in his reply: "No people have suffered more in the past generation than the people of Israel — no people has more cause to wish for peace... This country has never really known what other countries take for granted — a period of acceptance and a period of peace.

"All of us... will try to go on from here to make sure that what happened today is not an interlude, but will be remembered as the day when peace came to an area from which so many great things have come to the world, so that the talents and energies of all of its people can be devoted to tasks of construction."

Egypt welcomes pull-back as 'success for Cairo'

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt over the weekend hailed the military disengagement agreement with Israel as a "success" for Cairo, as its news media emphasized Israel's pullback along the Suez Canal "within the next 40 days."

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat himself referred to the agreement as "a turning point" in the history of the Middle East. "Let us hope the road we paved will serve a lasting peace" in the region, Sadat said.

The leadership of Egypt's single political party, the Arab Socialist Union, yesterday voiced its support for the agreement. They stressed that it was a result of the October war, which the Egyptians consider to have "ended once and for all the state of no-war no-peace in the Middle East."

Cairo's news media over the weekend prominently displayed the main details of the agreement, but they omitted reference to the reduction of Egyptian forces and armaments on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal.

The mass-circulation "Akhbar el-Yom" published two maps on its front page showing the old and new cease-fire lines. They emphasized Israel's pullback from the west bank of the Suez Canal.

The semi-official "Al-Ahram" said the disengagement agreement was "an initial step towards removing the block which impeded the Geneva talks from concentrating on U.N. Resolution 242, the only basis for achieving a durable and just peace."

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ACCORD ON SEPARATION

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followed by the Unef buffer zone — which is four to 10 kms. wide — with the Israeli lines beginning 10 to 20 kms. east of the canal lines.

The Israeli zone has the same restrictions imposed upon the Egyptians. The Israeli lines will run well to the west of the Balouza-Tassa-Jiddi and Mitla pass road with Ain Moussa on the east shore of the Gulf of Suez being the "anchor" of the Unef line in this area.

Joint Egyptian-Israeli patrols have been proposed for mutual surveillance and inspection of the lines. The buffer zone will be exclusively patrolled by the Unef.

Provided both sides abide by the agreement they will actually be out of each other's range and will be able to fly spy-aircraft at a considerable height over their own lines, giving them a view of what is going on on the other side — out of reach of the surface to air missiles.

As a defence line the southern half, incorporating the Jiddi and Mitla passes into the "unrestricted" zone, leaves little to be desired although even it is in a certain sense inferior to the extra "anti-tank" ditch provided by the Suez Canal. But as the events of the past have shown — an all out defence against an all out attack requires much more than the token garrisons of the Bar-Lev line.

In this respect, a new conception, perhaps based on a line held with relatively modest forces, plus in-depth fortifications along the swamps and sand dunes of north-western Sinai, can provide a new combination both for an early warning system and an efficient defence to safeguard Israel against future surprises.

This will take time and above all a total reevaluation of the Egyptian (and Arab) first strike potential in general as well as the conclusions to be drawn from the October War. Defences alone will not suffice but will have to be matched with a possible overhaul of the army and air force and the weaponry systems at its disposal.

The relinquishing of the west-of-Canal areas captured by the IDF has its military logic. This area can be considered an ideal jumping-off point for action against the Egyptian army. It could have led to the relatively quick destruction of the Egyptian Third Army and possibly also the Second Army (which has a highly-vulnerable supply route and could, as it is exposed now, be subdued by the IDF, given the time and at "a price").

But as a defensive position the west-of-Suez enclave has major drawbacks and it could become highly vulnerable in a war of attrition unless tremendous additional sums of money were invested in major engineering projects to provide shelter for the men.

Since Israel has openly declared that it has no intention of embarking on offensive action and since it is clear to both sides that the present situation is equally intolerable to both and would lead to a renewal of "static" hostilities, the pull-back is justified from a pure military-defensive point of view provided one throws in a liberal pinch of political logic as well.

The shortening of the Israeli lines by approximately one-third of their present length and the reduced deployment requirements will also permit the release in the near future of reservists. This of course is conditional to developments in future negotiations with the Syrians and the Jordanians.

It is understood — at least on our side of the frontier — that there will and indeed can be no international "policemen" to punish offenders of the disengagement and thinning-out agreement and that infringements can only be met "in kind" or whatever course the Government of Israel decides to take.

Allen on Kissinger Damascus visit —

Bid for disengagement talks with Syria also

Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday that U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger would try today in Damascus to set up troop disengagement talks between Israel and Syria along the lines of the Israeli-Egyptian agreement.

He said he did not rule out the possibility that Dr. Kissinger would make another brief stopover in Jerusalem on his return from Damascus to Washington.

Speaking in an Israel Radio interview, the Deputy Premier said Dr. Kissinger would do "his utmost to convince the Syrians to act more realistically than they have done until now." He reiterated Israel's position that troop disengagement talks could begin with Syria only if Damascus turns over a list of the Israeli prisoners it holds and allows Red Cross representatives to visit them.

Concerning Dr. Kissinger's meeting with King Hussein in Akaba last night, Mr. Allon said that so far as he knew in advance the subject of troop disengagement along the Jordan frontier was not on their agenda. In his opinion, both Jordan and Israel had a common interest in starting talks, both to prevent a possible military buildup — and future clashes — and to keep the terrorist organizations out of both sides of the border.

"After the agreements on disengagement of forces with Egypt and Syria are implemented, there will be renewed hope for success in the near future for the (Geneva) peace talks," Mr. Allon said.

The disengagement agreement signed with Egypt will serve to stabilize the cease-fire, he said. It will prevent a renewal of the war of attrition and the possibility of another surprise attack.

"Of course, if the Egyptians should one day want to initiate a major war, they could," he added. "But then at least the world — and the U.S. — would know which side is responsible ... And from the military point of view ... such a war would not come as a surprise; it would find us fully prepared."

Asked to comment on the criticism of Likud leaders that the Government had reneged on past declarations that it would not withdraw without a peace agreement, the Deputy Premier said the Government had faced a "cruel choice" between two alternatives.

- To stand pat and try to dictate terms to the Egyptians, in opposition to world opinion, including that of the U.S. This would mean a war of attrition which would deteriorate into a major war.
- To strive for a solution that would stabilize the cease-fire without depriving Israel of a firm defence line and bargaining positions in future negotiations.

"I have no doubt that if the war were to be renewed with us holding our present positions," he said, "we would win that war... But I am just as sure that we would pay a dear price for that victory. And I would derive no comfort from the fact that Egyptians would pay a far stiffer price. The final result would be that we would still have to negotiate with them — at Kilometre 101, Kilometre 91, or at Geneva."

Begin says agreement harms Israel's security

Likud leader Menahem Begin, scoring the separation-of-forces agreement as a one-sided Israeli withdrawal, said it would enable the Egyptians to attack Israeli forces over the heads of the intervening U.N. forces.

In an interview over the weekend with Israel Radio's Sarah Frankel, Mr. Begin said the worst part of the agreement was that it gave the Egyptians military control of both banks of the Suez Canal without demilitarizing the parts of Sinai to be evacuated by Israel. This meant that the Egyptians could within hours bring over hundreds of tanks and guns with which to bombard the new Israeli line.

He said the government had abandoned, one after another, its previous conditions for a separation agreement — a peace treaty, then if not that, an Egyptian declaration of an end to belligerency, and if not that then demilitarization. All the present agreement did was further to weaken Israel's security, he said.

Noting that the declared Egyptian aim was to push Israel back to the pre-June 1967 lines, he said the Likud would work to mobilize public opinion against any further withdrawals. He denied, however, telling foreign TV interviewers last week that the present agreement was the beginning of the end for the Jewish State; he had only said that it would be the beginning of the end if Israel were to withdraw to the lines it held before the Six-Day War.

62% favour disengagement

A Dahaf telephone poll taken last week showed 62 per cent of the adult Jewish population in favour of "separation of forces." Some 17.8 per cent said they were opposed, and 20.2 per cent either gave qualified answers or had no opinion.

The sample, 254 men and 296 women, were questioned the day after U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger returned to Jerusalem from Aswan. The polling organization said that roughly equal numbers defined themselves as "hawks," "doves," "something in between" or none of these. Women were more inclined to be dovish than were men.

Dayan: Egyptians now really want peace

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said on Friday night that the signing of the disengagement agreement was an indication that this time the Egyptians really wanted peace.

Speaking in an Israel Television interview, he said there was no outside guarantee that the accord will be honoured, but we have to ask ourselves whether we are willing to believe that they are ready to keep an agreement. He said recent statements by Egypt's Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy that Egypt would begin to dredge the Suez Canal and reactivate it gave hope that Cairo wished to concentrate on peaceful development.

Once disengagement was under way, the Defence Minister said, the Israel Defence Forces would be able to release some 40,000 reservists.

He said the agreement was based on normalization of the region, including the dredging of the Suez Canal, immediately after separation of the forces. Replying to a question, he said there had indeed been a change in Egypt's position, recalling that in the past she had refused to consider a similar agreement.

Explaining Egypt's change of mind, he said this resulted from Egypt's achievement in having crossed the Canal, as well as from "what she failed to achieve in the war."

"Perhaps I am mistaken," the Defence Minister said, "but in my estimation their faces are truly turned towards peace and they have changed their attitude because of this."

Asked what would happen if he turned out to be wrong and the Egyptians violated the agreement, Mr. Dayan replied that it was a bilateral one and that Israel could also reinstall offensive weapons and troops in the forward zones. Without going into specifics, he pointed out that there would be suitable means to supervise its implementation.

He stressed that the limited military forces which Israel and Egypt would be allowed to maintain in their respective forward zones — with a U.N. buffer zone in between — would eliminate the constant threat of conflagration.

The Suez Canal was a vital Egyptian artery and Egypt was entitled to some sort of military force to protect the region if it is to be reopened to shipping and if the towns on its banks are to be resettled, he said. The force which Egypt was permitted to retain east of the Canal, under the agreement, was a reasonable one, he added.

Asked about the advantage the reopening of the Canal would give to the Soviet Union, the Defence Minister replied that U.S. officials had said they preferred an open Canal and an end to the conflict to a closed Canal and a continued conflict.

Rabbi Winograd funeral today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The funeral of Rabbi Richard Winograd, former Hillel director at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, will take place in Jerusalem today. He died of heart disease in New York last week.

The 37-year-old Conservative rabbi, ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, directed the largest Hillel Foundation chapter in the U.S. — with almost 5,000 Jewish students. In 1972 he settled in Jerusalem with his wife, Cynthia, and their three young children.

The service will take place at 1 p.m. today at Sanhedria, with burial to follow at Har Hamenuhot.

Allenby Bridge closed

Allenby Bridge will be closed to all traffic today and tomorrow, the spokesman of the Judea and Samaria Command announced on Friday. No official reason was given, but it is learned that the bridge is in need of repair due to the recent bad weather.

Travellers to and from Jordan will be able to use the Damia Bridge.

TECHNICIANS WIN SUIT ON GRADING

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— A labour court judge here ruled on Friday that the grades in a labour contract "were meant to be used — not to be looked at." Thus, the two "empty" grades (three and eight) in the technicians' wage scale may be filled immediately.

Not only the country's technicians are affected by the ruling: engineers and many other professionals are linked to the technicians' wage scale.

The ruling, by Labour Court Judge Menahem Harniv, means that the 35 per cent wage increase won by the country's engineers and technicians last year will actually cost their employers more than 35 per cent.

The 35 per cent raise did not extend across the board: the increase was greater in some grades, smaller in others; and two grades were not to be manned at all until April 1974 — according to Histadrut negotiator Yeruham Meshel — to keep the overall wage rise down.

But Mr. Meshel's recommendation to this effect was not included in the written contract, and the Engineers Union started "sanctions" soon after the agreement was signed that would have ended with a nationwide strike were it not for the October War.

Friday's judgment was the outcome of a suit by the Technicians Union against the Civil Service Commission.

THE FUNERAL OF MY BELOVED DAUGHTER,

SHOSHANA REICH

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Rachel Reich

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The funeral will leave today, Sunday, January 20, at 2 p.m. from the Ziv Hospital, Rehov Haneviim, Jerusalem.

Dr. H.L. Lehmann and family, London
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Hanna Lewin, Rishon Lezion
Rosa Hoffmann, U.S.A.

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On the first anniversary of the death of my beloved wife,

BERTA SCHWARZ ז"ל

née Proskauer

a memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 1974, at 3.30 p.m. at the Kfar Shmaryahu Cemetery. We shall meet at Neve Aviv Club at 3.00 p.m.

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Mr. ANTHONY HYATT

of Cardiff, will be staying at the Moriah Hotel, Jerusalem, and wishes to contact

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Curious Israeli officers take a peek at signing of disengagement agreement at Km. 101 on Friday, as UN and Egyptian MPs look on. Swedish UN soldiers carrying bayoneted weapons stand guard. (Rubinger)

At Km. 101: history in the making?

By ZE'EV SCHUL,
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

KILOMETRE 101, Cairo-Suez Road. — "This is not yet a historic occasion. But it may well turn out to be one if both sides observe the agreement in deed and in the spirit in which we have just signed it." Rav-Aluv David Elazar, IDF Chief of Staff, said this here just after signing the disengagement agreement with his Egyptian counterpart, Lieutenant-General Mohammed Abdul-Ghani Gamasy, at 1.30 p.m. on Friday.

The signing took place at 12.25 p.m. five minutes after the two generals, accompanied by their aides, had entered the mustard coloured army tent on the windswept plain here. They were welcomed by the Chief of the UNEF and cease-fire observation teams, General Ensio Siilasvuo of Finland.

Correspondents had converged on the site, the by now familiar cluster of tents dominated by a U.N. flag fluttering from a tall length of white metal pipe, several hours earlier. The Cairo newspapermen, including a sizeable contingent of foreign journalists, were kept separated from the Israelis by rows of military policemen, ropes, metal barriers and barbed wire fences. The Egyptian Military Police had marched up at about 11 o'clock, stepping out smartly in threes in their freshly pressed sand-coloured uniforms. They linked hands to keep the newsmen in place.

It was bitterly cold and not even the noon-time sun, shining down out of clear skies, was able to soften the biting wind.

The two chiefs of staff arrived at precisely 11.55 a.m. Lt.-Gen. Gamasy came in a black American limousine, escorted by Japanese land-rover-type vehicles, and Rav-Aluf Elazar arrived in a Bell helicopter. The generals marched hurriedly to separate tents, for last minute preparations.

Meanwhile fresh contingents of blue-helmeted Swedish and Finnish soldiers, carrying bayoneted automatic rifles at "port arms," had stationed themselves in two circles around the negotiating tent. The Finns had brought along three large shaggy Alsatian dogs, kept in check by their handlers on thick leather leashes. Each of the dogs wore a canvas U.N. emblem. Two Canadian MPs stationed themselves at the entrance to the compound.

A Shekem mobile canteen had driven up and was besieged by the straw-haired Finns. Chocolate coated wafers, beer and citrus juices were in great demand and the truck's stock was sold out within a few minutes.

The signing ceremony was held up for 20 minutes by some intense arguments as to how many officers and civilians would be permitted to witness the act. Finally it was agreed that three officers and one civilian would join the chief of staff in each delegation.

Rav-Aluf David Elazar was accompanied by Aluf Avraham Adan, the new commanding officer of the Southern Command; Aluf-Mishne Dov Sion—a member of the Geneva talks delegation—and a third senior army officer and by the Legal Adviser of the Foreign Ministry, Dr. Meir Rosenne, standing out in his charcoal suit from the khaki of the army men.

Gen. Gamasy was accompanied by Egypt's representatives to the Geneva military negotiations, General Taha el-Magdoub and Colonel Omar Howeidi.

As the U.N. guard presented arms one of the Alsatians evidently took a disliking to Rav-Aluf Elazar's boots, but was called to order by a sharp tug on his leash. At the same time, General Gamasy led his delegation into the tent from the opposite direction.

The two teams were closeted there for over one hour while the journalists pondered if complications had arisen to keep them there that long.

At 13.30 it was all over. A smiling Rav-Aluf Elazar emerged and went straight to his tent, where he immediately telephoned to the Prime Minister at her home and informed her that the agreement had been signed.

Meanwhile not even the military police had been able to keep the journalists apart any longer. The two groups rushed towards each other in exchanges of backslapping and handclasps, especially between colleagues or acquaintances or members of the same foreign news agency who had been working from their respective sides of the border.

More frantic milling around followed when the Egyptian Chief of Staff entered his car, protected by a squad of husky military policemen. The car was preceded by a quartet of Egyptian military police outriders thundering ahead on scarlet motorbikes.

General Siilasvuo — answering the insistent clamourings of the newspapermen — agreed to make a brief statement. He announced the signing of the agreement and said the next meeting, to discuss the practical implementation of the disengagement, would take place on Sunday at the same place.

Among the troops on the west bank of the Canal, news of the impending signature had already spread the night before. A total cease-fire was meticulously observed along the entire 230-kilometre length of the lines, with the exception of a single shot fired by an Egyptian soldier Sunday morning in the Ismailiya area. Israeli officers said it was an accidental discharge.

First signs of relief on the part of the Egyptians were evident at the Suez town checkpoint where soldier-porters of the Egyptian Third Army were exchanging warm handclasps with the Israelis and congratulating them with a "mabruk." Some joined in an impromptu belly dance to the tune of "Mustapha Ya Mustapha" rendered by an Israeli reservists who had brought his trumpet along. "This is nice," one Israeli soldier observed. "We don't have to duck so much anymore . . ."

But the 21 supply trucks bound for the Third Army and Suez town were painstakingly searched, none the less. "The orders still haven't been changed in so far as I am concerned," the officer in charge of the search operation said.

Local industry sceptical about 'defence orders'

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir's statement on Wednesday that the defence authorities had placed IL2,200m. worth of local orders since the outbreak of the October war has aroused scepticism among industrialists

After a meeting in Tel Aviv last week, members of the central council of the Manufacturers Association's metals division stated that, to the best of their knowledge, no more orders were being placed by the Defence Ministry with these plants now than before the October war. They said they had checked this with a number of their colleagues in metals and electronics.

Questioned about the charge on Thursday evening, Rav-Aluf Zvi Tsur, retiring special assistant to the Defence Minister (and responsible for armaments till now), asserted that Mr. Sapir's figure was correct — and that the volume of purchases would increase further. "If individual firms have not received additional orders, that does not mean no additional orders were given," he commented.

Quota system for electricity is cancelled

The quota-and-fine system which was planned to cut down electric power consumption has been cancelled, the Development Minister told the Knesset Finance Committee on Friday. The subject will be brought up again if and when it becomes necessary.

It was apparently decided that the two recent hikes in electricity rates, totalling about 70 per cent, would be enough to deter the public from using any more power than was absolutely necessary. (The latest hike, of 37 per cent, was approved by the Finance Committee at Friday's meeting.)

A spokesman for the Electric Corp. in Haifa said "it was hard to determine" how much money the corporation wasted in preparing for the quota system which has been abolished.

'No fear of pogroms in Latin America'

TEL AVIV. — There is no threat of pogroms in Latin America, where 800,000 Jews live. But there is intensive Arab League propaganda, which falls on the receptive ears of the public's latent anti-Semitism, according to Mark Turkow, secretary of the World Jewish Congress in Latin America, Mr. Turkow, who was addressing the Israeli committee of the World Federation of Jewish Journalists at Beit Sokolow Friday, said there is no official anti-Semitism there.

The speaker added that Jews in the Diaspora feel frustrated when their efforts to counter Arab propaganda are not even mentioned in Israel's press.

Stop 'orgy of sentimentality'

Dutch envoy explodes 'illusions'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Dutch Ambassador Gerrit Jan Jongejans on Friday launched a campaign to "explode the myth created in Israel" that Holland took its stand against the Arab oil embargo "for the sake of Israel." He also sounded a warning that public opinion in his country about Israel "is not what it was in 1967. There are now many factors and currents that are far from solidarity."

Speaking before the Maritime and Economic Club at the Zion Hotel, the ambassador pleaded for Israelis to refrain from turning their appreciation for Holland "into an orgy of adoration and sentimentality."

He said Dutch sympathy for the Jewish people and Israel did not date from the Arab embargo, but from much farther back — from the time Holland welcomed the refugees of the Spanish expulsion, through the general strike against the Nazi persecution of Jewish fellow citizens in February 1941. But it was an illusion to believe, as Israelis were tending to, "that Holland deliberately challenged the Arab states in order to be on Israel's side, and is now bearing the full fury of the oil embargo for that principle."

"Holland for the moment is a victim," Mr. Jongejans said. "It did not deliberately choose the role of martyr, and so far it has not proved itself a hero. Not yet, anyway."

He added: "In the stance Holland took vis-a-vis the oil embargo, Israel is a negligible factor. Holland considers Israel and the embargo two different issues, if only because the embargo is part of a much vaster issue. It would exist even if Israel did not."

On the positive side the ambassador noted that, in public opinion counts, Holland topped Europe in its sympathy for Israel (72 per cent, compared to 55 per cent elsewhere), and he was "happy the oil embargo has not changed our attitude."

Mr. Jongejans believed Israelis created the myth casting Holland in the role of hero and martyr because of "the strong belief in this country that the world must be obsessed with Israel, either negatively or positively."

EIGHTH KNESSET WILL BE THE STORMIEST

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Knessets are elected for four years, but it would be rash to predict that the Eighth Knesset, convening tomorrow afternoon for its inaugural session, will last out the full term.

Progress towards an arrangement with Egypt, above and beyond last Friday's agreement on disengagement of forces, may put the issue of an arrangement with Jordan next on the national agenda. New elections then would be very likely, in view of opposition to concessions in Judea and Samaria within the National Religious Party.

But, however long the Eighth Knesset lasts, it is sure to be a stormy Knesset, probably more stormy than any of its predecessors.

Temperatures will be high from the very first. Premier Golda Meir's political statement on Tuesday about the separation of forces will bring the Likud right-wing opposition bloc to its feet with charges of "betrayal" and "national suicide." Angry outbursts and ugly scenes can be expected.

As the parliamentary year wears on, the Likud can be relied upon to keep the Government permanently on the defensive, if disengagement proceeds and talks about a more permanent arrangement between this country and Egypt follow. No-confidence debates and urgent motions will follow each other thick and fast, as the Likud exploits its new-found strength to argue that the Alignment's majority is too slim to justify its taking the crucial decisions affecting national security, which are involved in solutions to the Middle East crisis.

Whatever the truth of the comment that Israel's parliament was a "rubber stamp" for the Government's decisions in the past, that will now be less apparent than ever before.

The Likud, feeling that the shift in public opinion gave it the eight extra seats (from 31 to 39), will assume it is worth while to argue so much harder, to use Knesset debate in order to influence public opinion further — ready for the next elections however far distant they may be.

The Alignment, while confident of its majority once hands are raised on the vote, will not wish to depend solely on the "steam-roller" and will try to debate just a little more vigorously and convincingly.

As a result, whether or not a genuine inter-relationship develops in the Eighth Knesset between parliamentary activity and public opinion, M.K.s on all sides of the House will hopefully feel less frustrated. They will have a more evenly matched and crucial contest on their hands.

Apart from cease-fire, disengagement, and steps towards a permanent settlement, the Knesset will not lack other controversial issues.

The National Religious Party and the Aguda Front are committed to amending the "Who's a Jew" legislation, so as to stipulate that conversions to Judaism must comply with the Halacha. The Independent Liberals and Citizens Rights are committed to blocking that move. If the condition for the NRP and the ILP sitting together in a coalition is a moratorium on "Who's a Jew" legislation for a period of time (say 12 months), that moratorium will not bind the Aguda, which will thus be able to return to its traditional practice of "needling" the NRP from its safe positions outside the coalition.

The drastic economic repercussions of the Day of Atonement war, from galloping inflation through possible labour surpluses to stiffer taxation, will provide more fuel for the parliamentary furnace, and exacerbate the clash between Likud *laisser-faire* theory and Alignment centralisation.

Knesset tempers will not be any the cooler if ex-Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu is re-elected, in the wake of his Alignment faction's decision to nominate him once again. Although Mr. Yeshayahu has more years of parliamentary experience than most of his Alignment colleagues, he does not get on well with all sides of the House, it seems.

Yeshayahu has been accused of toeing the Government's line too eagerly, and of showing his party colours in occasional glimpses, according to the Opposition.

True or false, the result is the same. The prestige of the Knesset is not enhanced in the way it merits, and the House is not revitalised as much as it should be, according to some critics.

As for the Alignment faction which has nominated Mr. Yeshayahu, it may well be acting out the scenario of diminishing returns once again, by its short-sighted policy of not always putting the right personality in the right place, for the sake of convenience.

Tel Aviv Maccabi opens up two-point lead

ONLY 7 GOALS IN LEAGUE

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi, with a 3:0 win over Jerusalem Betar, yesterday opened a two point gap at the top of the National League table, on a wintry day in which only seven goals were scored in seven first division games.

The Katamon ground in Jerusalem was too muddy for play, and the match between Jerusalem Hapoel and Petah Tikva Hapoel was postponed. It will probably take place on Wednesday. Ramat Gan Hakoah played its home against Tel Aviv Betar at the Jaffa Maccabi Ground, because the Ramat Gan stadium which was to be inaugurated as Hakoah's home ground was also flooded. It was reliably learned that Hakoah wants now to play all its home games at the Jaffa ground, rather than in the vast 50,000 seat city stadium.

This feeling was reinforced after Hakoah's 1:0 win over Tel Aviv Betar, which moved them up the table from 11th to 7th place. Another upward move yesterday was by Haifa Hapoel, 1:0 away winners over Tel Aviv Hapoel. Whilst Haifa Hapoel now appear in 4th spot, Tel Aviv Hapoel have plunged to 15th rung after four successive defeats.

Fifteen thousand at the Bloomfield Stadium saw Tel Aviv Maccabi again put on a first class display and score its second consecutive 3:0 win. Dror Barnur opened the scoring in the 12th minute and David Karako added a second goal in the 27th minute. Zvi Rosen completed the scoring seven minutes before the end when he moved up to head past Yosef Sorinov. The league leaders outclassed a young Jerusalem Betar eleven, which however played a determined game.

At the same ground Haifa Hapoel collected both points thanks to a goal by Benny Alon in the 38th minute. The Haifa team won because they adapted better to the blustery conditions.

Beersheba Hapoel inflicted the first defeat of the season on Kfar Saba Hapoel, with a useful 2:0 win. Already in the third minute Avraham Numa gave the Negev team the lead with a shot from eight metres, and in the 37th minute Eliahu Ofer clinched the result with a solo run. Kfar Saba Hapoel were by no means inferior to the Beersheba team in midfield but found the home goalkeeper Ronnie Moskowitch unbeatable. Four thousand saw the game.

Hakoah landed both points with a late goal by Yehuda Sharabani, who fixed onto a pass by Zvi Farkas to beat Shmuel David with a 15 metres shot.

Tel Aviv Shimshon scored a 1:0 win over runaway leaders of league "A" north, Tiberias Hapoel, but southern leaders Shaarayim Maccabi scored a useful 3:1 away win over Ramle Hapoel.

Yesterday's results

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tel Aviv Maccabi 3, Jerusalem Betar 0; Netanya Maccabi 0, Jaffa Maccabi 0; Beersheba Hapoel 2, Kfar Saba Hapoel 0; Tel Aviv Hapoel 0, Haifa Hapoel 1; Hakoah 1, Tel Aviv Betar 0; Bnei Yehuda 0, Hadera Hapoel 0; Haifa Maccabi 0, Petah Tikva Maccabi 0; Jerusalem Hapoel v Petah Tikva Hapoel — postponed.

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

Yahud Hapoel 3, Ramat Amidar Maccabi 1; Marmorek Hapoel 4, Beit Shemesh Hapoel 2; Lydda Hapoel 2, Holon Hapoel 1; Bat Yam Hapoel 2, Beer Ya'acov Hapoel 1; Nes Ziona 2, Ramle Betar 1; Ramle Hapoel 1, Sha'arayim Maccabi 3; Ashdod Hapoel 2, Dimona Hapoel 1; Holon Maccabi 1, Rishon Lezion Hapoel 1.

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

Shimshon 1, Tiberias Hapoel 0; Nahariya Hapoel 1, Safad Hapoel 2; Netanya Hapoel 0, Tirat Hacarmel Hapoel 0; Nahliel Hapoel 1, Acre Hapoel 1; Ramat Gan Hapoel 1, Kiryat Ata Hapoel 0; Herzliya Hapoel 2, Kiryat Shmona Hapoel 1; Nazareth Hapoel 3, Migdal Ha'emek Hapoel 0; Netanya Betar 3, Herzliya Maccabi 0.

STANDINGS (nine games)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	Goals	Points
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	18: 3	15
2. Netanya Maccabi	11: 3	13
3. Kfar Saba Hapoel	10: 7	12
4. Haifa Hapoel	11:12	11
5. Jaffa Maccabi	6: 4	10
6. Tel Aviv Betar	6: 5	9
7. Hakoah	8: 8	9
8. Bnei Yehuda	4: 6	9
9. Petah Tikva Maccabi	7:10	9
10. Hadera Hapoel	4: 7	8
11. Jerusalem Betar	10:15	8
12. Petah Tikva Hapoel (8)	11: 8	7
13. Beersheba Hapoel	10:11	7
14. Haifa Maccabi	9:13	6
15. Tel Aviv Hapoel	6:10	5
16. Jerusalem Hapoel (8)	4:19	4

LEAGUE "A" SOUTH

	Goals	Points
1. Sha'arayim Maccabi	18: 9	15
2. Yahud Hapoel	25:14	12
3. Marmorek Hapoel	18: 9	12
4. Beit Shemesh Hapoel	20:14	11
5. Holon Hapoel	11: 8	10

LEAGUE "A" NORTH

	Goals	Points
1. Tiberias Hapoel	11: 4	16
2. Safad Hapoel	18:11	14
3. Tirat Carmel Hapoel	13: 8	13
4. Acre Hapoel	10:15	12
5. Ramat Gan Hapoel	6: 4	12

Hoopsters lose 83-77 in Italy

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Italian basketball champions, Ignis Varesa, on Thursday night led from start to finish to complete the double over Tel Aviv Maccabi in the quarter-finals of the European Cup. Ignis won 93:76 following their 83:77 win at Yad Eliahu.

Tel Aviv Maccabi will now face the French champions Berck and the Belgian champions from Antwerp, in its effort to capture second place in the quarter-finals group, which would give it a place in the semi-finals.

Tel Aviv Maccabi lacked coordination as Ignis concentrated in building up an early lead, and by half time the Italians had forged ahead to 50:32. Maccabi improved in the second period, with Eric Menken outstanding, and held their own against the taller Italians.

Leeds still unbeaten

LONDON (UPI). — Eight of the nine English First Division soccer matches ended in draws yesterday. Tottenham Hotspur was the only club to break the pattern, beating Coventry City 2-1 with two first-half goals from Martin Peters. Brian Alderson reduced the arrears after the interval.

At the top of the league, runaway leaders Leeds United had to battle hard to preserve its undefeated 26-game record against Everton in a goalless draw. Leeds, with 48 points, stayed eight points clear of reigning champions Liverpool, who needed an injury-time goal from defender Tommy Smith to salvage a 1-1 draw against Stoke City.

PRISON TERMS ASKED FOR SIX JEWS

Defence claims 'every reason to believe Bouchiki a terrorist'

OSLO (Reuter). — A lawyer defending six Jews charged with complicity in the death of an Arab waiter said yesterday there was every reason to believe the man *belonged to the Black September* terrorist organization.

Defence counsel Anneus Schioedt told the court, which has heard almost two weeks of evidence in the so-called "Lillehammer affair," that Israeli agents were not mistaken in liquidating the dead man, 30-year-old Moroccan Ahmed Bouchiki.

Bouchiki was shot down last July as he walked home from a *cinema in the ski resort of Lillehammer*. Norway's public prosecutor Haakon Wiker has told the court that the killing was a mistake by Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service.

The prosecutor, who demanded *prison sentences ranging up to* nine years for the six on trial, said Israeli agents were hunting Black September leader Ali Hassan Salame, who was behind the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre of 11 Israeli sportsmen, and that Bouchiki was the wrong man.

But Schioedt, speaking on behalf of all four defence counsel, said yesterday: "One did not know who he was, but a number of questions could be asked about Bouchiki, among them the question whether he was a so-called deep-cover agent."

Bouchiki, the lawyer said, could have settled in Norway for a specific *purpose. It was totally wrong*, he stressed, to claim that Israel's intelligence service, among the world's best, should have been mistaken.

He submitted that court statements by Dan Arbel, one of the accused, were *not in any way* credible. Arbel had told the court the group had instructions to kill Salame.

The lawyer stressed it had not been proved that Mossad was responsible for Bouchiki's killing, saying that none of the accused had *been observed or arrested near the* murder scene.

Those on trial are Swedish-born Marianne Gladnikoff, 36, Zwi Steinberg, 30, and Michael Dorf, 27, both of Israel, for whom six and a half year sentences have been demanded; Sylvia Rafael, 36, of South Africa, for whom prosecutor Wiker has asked a seven-year term; Abraham Behmer, 36, former first secretary at the Israeli Embassy in Paris, and Danish-born businessman Dan Arbel, 27, for both of whom nine-year terms are demanded.

Wiker said on Friday that if the court concluded Bouchiki was killed through negligence he would submit that *manslaughter* took place under "extremely grave circumstances," for which he would ask maximum sentences of three years.

Should the six be found guilty only on the charges of spying for Israel, he claimed 18 months' impri*sonment as the* limit.

The trial is due to end today with more defence pleas, and the verdict is expected within two weeks. Most observers were struck with the leniency of the sentences asked for. Complicity in murder here carries sentences ranging from six years to life.

Klarsfeld met high official, Syrians say

PARIS (AP). — Beate Klarsfeld, the German-born Nazi-hunter who is investigating the fate of Israeli *prisoners in Syria, met on Friday* with a high Syrian official in Damascus, according to the Syrian Embassy here.

The Embassy said Mrs. Klarsfeld met with Information Director Sabah Kabani, "who answered all the *questions she asked about the treatment* of Israeli war prisoners in Syria."

The Embassy added that Kabani explained to her the views of the Syrian Government on the prisoner problem and took her around Damascus and "particularly through the districts which were damaged during the October war."

The Embassy said Mrs. Klarsfeld was invited to dinner by Kabani. She was to leave for Paris yesterday.

Six Moroccans to die for plot against state

KENITRA, Morocco (AP). — A military court here on Friday sentenced to death six men convicted of plotting against the security of the state last year.

Three others were sentenced to life imprisonment and four got 30 year sentences.

The 13 men were part of a group of 150 men tried last year on the same charges. But the prosecution demanded their retrial on the grounds their original prison sentences were too light.

The 13 men were charged with setting off bombs and sacking police posts in Rabat and Casablanca early in 1973.

Lebanon upholds libel judgement against Tass

BEIRUT (AFP). — The Lebanese Court of Appeals on Friday upheld a 500,000 Lebanese pound libel judgment against the Soviet News Agency Tass for an article alleging that three prominent Lebanese *worked for the CIA.*

The allegations, contained in a Tass interview last year with former Soviet spy Harold Philby, had involved Lebanese member of parliament Ahmed Asmar, Dori Chamoun (son of former Lebanese President Camille Chamoun), and Robert Abla, former head of the Lebanese press association.

Tass had appealed the judgment passed by the Lebanese Press Court on the grounds that its employees enjoyed diplomatic immunity, and had presented documents to that effect from the Soviet Embassy here. The court, however, rejected *the status claimed, especially in the* case of the local "Tass" bureau chief, Raymond Sa'ad, who is a Lebanese national.

Beirut newsmen guilty of printing 'secret decision'

BEIRUT (AP). — The publisher of "An Nahar," a Beirut daily, and a reporter for the newspaper were sentenced by a military court yesterday for publishing the secret re*solutions of the Algiers Arab* summit conference.

Sentenced to a week in jail and fined 100 Lebanese pounds ($25) were Ghassan Toueni, publisher of "An Nahar," and reporter Wafi Ramadan. The two were arrested by military authorities December 7 *on charges of publishing state* secrets and endangering the country's security.

Ramadan, who covered the summit meeting for "An Nahar," said he got the resolutions from conference sources in Algiers.

They were ordered to pay the fine but were not jailed because of the 10 days they had been held in custody.

Oil sheikhs said buying entire German quarters

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — Arab oil sheikhs are buying up entire city quarters and factories in West Germany, *the German tabloid "Bild"* claimed in a front-page story yesterday.

"Bild" *said a complete* city block in Hamburg has been bought up by the British "Capital and Counties Property Company" reportedly with Arab oil dollars. The price: up to DM5,000 per square metre for 8,000 square metres.

Arab money has been used by "Capital and Counties" and other British firms and German banks for similar investments throughout West Germany, the paper says.

"Bild" names Munich's Hotel Schottenhamel and other build*ings, plus land and properties in* Stuttgart, Frankfurt and Duesseldorf as being "firmly in Arab hands."

The paper said David Douglas-Home, 30, son of the British Foreign Minister, said that "fin*ance experts from Arab coun*tries have been seeking for some time to invest their monies in European real estate. The Arabs have deposits in English banks alone of $7,200m. Many English real estate firms are working with this money."

Street lights dimmed in Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet capital has dimmed its street lights in a drive to conserve electricity, the first visible sign of a Soviet energy shortage.

Western diplomats said the cause appeared to be insufficient fuel for power generation stations in this city of seven million persons. They said the problem also affected many other regions in the European part of the country.

"There's plenty of fuel and natural gas in Siberia, but the problem is getting it here in sufficient quantities," said one diplomat who has studied the situation.

The first cutback of street lighting came in early December when they were dimmed at 11 p.m. instead of the usual midnight. A week or 10 days later, the cut was moved up to 9 p.m.

By month's end, city authorities were only turning on the lights at dusk to half power. Illumination of monuments and buildings has also been curtailed except in Red Square and the Kremlin.

Other signs of a shortage include increasingly frequent closure of service stations for varying periods during the day for lack of fuel.

The full cutback in street lighting followed a December 26 front-page report in "Moskovskaya Pravda," the newspaper of the Communist Party of Moscow, which called for greater efforts to conserve energy. But it warned that the saving of energy should not "negatively affect the supply of heating to dwellings, children's institutions, hospitals, schools and other consumers."

Some diplomats interpreted this as a sign reduced heating might have been ordered in stores, offices and factories.

France, Kuwait said negotiating arms-for-oil

KUWAIT (UPI). — Kuwait and France are presently negotiating an arms-for-oil deal similar to the one agreed upon between France and Saudi Arabia earlier this month, the Kuwaiti newpaper "Al Watan" said yesterday. A spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry in Paris refused to comment on the report.

The newspaper said the deal will be announced during a visit to Kuwait by Foreign Minister Michel Jobert scheduled to start January 27.

France and Saudi Arabia have agreed to conclude a deal under which Saudi Arabia would provide France with 200 million barrels of crude oil over the next three years in return for Mirage fighters, heavy weapons, technological assistance and industrial machinery.

Athens bombs blast US, Rumanian cars

ATHENS (AP). — Four bombs blasted the cars of American and Rumanian diplomats in the Greek capital early Friday, police sources reported.

The sources said three of the vehicles belonged to American diplomats and one to a Rumanian. They said in all cases there were "minor material damages," but no injuries.

ITALIAN COMMISSION REPORTS:

Airport terror attacks 'impossible to prevent'

ROME (UPI). — A special investigating commission said in a report to Parliament that it is virtually impossible to prevent and difficult to resist terrorist attacks like the one that took 31 lives at the Rome Airport last month.

The report was prepared for Interior Minister Paolo Emilio Taviani *by the chiefs of Public Security*, the Rome Carabinieri (National Police) and the Customs guard, and submitted on Friday to Parliament, the Italian News Agency Ansa said yesterday.

"Improvised and impartial actions *by terrorists*, like that which took place at Fiumicino, are objectively impossible to prevent and difficult to resist without heavy shedding of innocent blood," Ansa quoted the report as saying.

Taviani ordered the investigation *in response to sharp criticism from* Parliament after the December 17 attack by Palestinian terrorists.

The terrorists bombed a Pan-American jetliner and hijacked a Lufthansa jet to Athens. Thirty persons died on the Pan-Am plane, an Italian security guard was shot to death on the ground and the terrorists killed an Italian hostage at Athens for 32 victims.

CAME FROM TRIPOLI

The investigators said the terrorists come to Rome from Tripoli by way of Madrid. Military and diplomatic sources reported last month that Libya had ordered the airport *attack when plans to assassinate U.S.* Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in Beirut a day earlier were thwarted.

Parliamentary critics contended security officials were ill prepared for an attack and that guards failed to try to fight off the terrorists. But the commission determined that Italian police returned fire, even hitting the Lufthansa plane, Ansa said.

The report said despite reports that there may have been as many as eight terrorists involved, only five staged the attack and all arrived from Madrid earlier the same day, three aboard an Iberia plane and the other two aboard the Pan-Am plane they later bombed.

KING. — Norway's King Olav, 70, suffering from pneumonia, has been admitted to a hospital in Oslo, the royal palace announced yesterday. A spokesman said the King's condition was "fully satisfactory."

U.S. diplomat 'roughed up' by Russians

WASHINGTON (AP). — David W. Schorer, the American Vice-Consul in Leningrad, was roughed up by unidentified Russians in the streets of the Soviet city earlier this month, U.S. State Department officials said yesterday.

Schorer was returning from a hospital where he had been visiting an American citizen when he was involved in a scuffle with a group of Russians, according to the officials.

He was not beaten and is all right, although he was roughed up, the officials went on.

The incident was protested to the Soviet Government in Moscow and to the Russian Embassy in Washington. The officials said they do not know if the Soviets have responded to the protest.

LATE DISCLOSURE

Details remained sketchy about the incident, although the disclosure was the first public discussion of the matter, which occurred on January 11.

The State Department declined to release any information on Friday, and sources said the reluctance resulted from the absence of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

They explained that ranking State Department officials left in Washington were inhibited from discussing the incident for fear Kissinger would not approve of their independent disclosure because of the sensitive state of U.S.-Russian relations.

In the meantime, Schorer, 33, has returned to the U.S. on leave. State Department sources claim they don't know if he is to return to Leningrad and they don't know if the Russians asked that Schorer leave the country.

Chess quarterfinals open in draws

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

Though the quarterfinal matches opened with draws, the start of the world championship preliminaries can hardly be called peaceful. Suffice it is to say that Victor Korchnoi and Enrique Mecking have fought their first game to a total of 80 moves, consuming nine hours and 40 minutes. The Spassky-Byrne games were anything but peaceful, and though the former champion has yet to win a game, the general consensus among experts in Puerto Rico was that Spassky will win and go on to the semifinals. If the prediction holds, Spassky will play the winner of the Karpov-Polugejevski Moscow match.

Here are the highlights of the four quaterfinal matches:

SAN JUAN

The outcome of the second game on Thursday night (the first ended in a *draw) surprised the experts* because the Russian held a clear advantage when the game was adjourned the night before. Playing a precise endgame defence against Spassky's one-pawn advantage, Byrne never allowed himself to be endangered *as the two grandmas*ters battled through 72 moves until his opponent conceded a draw. According to Julio Kaplan, former *world junior champion* (he won the title in Jerusalem in 1967) Spassky chose a sharp line which did not seem to work. A more conservative line would probably have earned him his first victory.

AUGUSTA

Victor Korchnoi, 42, and Enrique Mecking, 22, drew their first two games after a bitter fight. The two have played each other four times previously. Each has won once with the other games ending in draws. Only 100 spectator tickets were available and these were sold for two weeks.

MOSCOW

Soviet grandmasters Anatoli Karpov and Lev Polugejevski played to a draw on Thursday night in the opening game of their quarterfinal match. Both players were in time trouble when Polugejevski offered the draw to Karpov after the 32nd move. Karpov accepted, and the rivals shook hands. Karpov was favoured by most Soviet experts to win the match.

PALMA DE MALLORCA

The fourth of the prelinary matches opened on this lovely Balearic *Island* pronounced "Majorca" on Friday, with former world champion Tigran Petrosian playing the white pieces. As Mikhail Tal pointed out, the outcome of the first game could very well decide the issue of the duel. Since losing to Lajos Portisch a won game in Bled, 1961, Petrosian became a "client" of the Hungarian grandmaster and so far was unable to even his score against him. The difference between a match and a tournament should be taken into consideration, however. Whereas in a tournament rivals meet only once (or twice at the most, if it's a double round), the present match can run into more than 16 games with the rivals playing both colours. There are no other opponents to distract one's attention to his rival, and what was lost yesterday can be regained tomorrow. Petrosian has a tough assignment in any case, for the Hungarian grandmaster is regarded as the "leader" of the Western players in the world championship preliminaries.

(*The surveys are based on* AP sources.)

DRAW AT FIRST ENCOUNTER

The first game in the world championship series, between former world champion Boris Spassky and U.S. champion Robert Byrne came to a peaceful conclusion after 44 moves.

Will readers please note that in last Friday's chess column a wrong *diagram was published in Problem* No. 2378. The text was, however, correct, and we repeat for the benefit of our solvers: White — Ka8; Qc2; Rb3; Be1; Pa7, e4, g2. (7) Black — Kh5; Qd6; Bg5; Pe3. (4) White to play and win.

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Peking ousts 5 Soviet diplomats for spying

TOKYO. — Communist China yesterday expelled five Soviet Embassy officials from China on charges they engaged in spy activities for the Soviet Embassy in Peking, the official Hsinhua news agency reported.

Hsinhua said First Secretary V.I. Marchenko and his wife, Third Secretary U.A. Semenov and his wife, and A.A. Kolosov, an interpreter in the office of the Soviet military attache, left China yesterday afternoon.

The broadcast monitored in Tokyo said Vice-Foreign Minister Yu Chan summoned Soviet ambassador V.S. Tolstikov yesterday morning and handed him a protest note.

Yu protested that the five Russians had "engaged in espionage in China," Hsinhua said.

"On the evening of January 15, 1974," the note said, "they made secret contact with Soviet-sent agent Li Hung-Yu and another person in the outskirts of Peking, handing over and receiving intelligence, counter-revolutionary documents, radio transmitter and receiver, communication time-table, means of secret-writing, forged border passes and other facilities and money for espionage activities."

But, it said "they were caught by Chinese public security personnel and 'militiamen.'"

"With culprits and material evidence at hand," the note added, "their crimes are conclusively established."

No further details of the incident on January 15 were given, and the agent, evidently a Chinese, was not further identified.

The protest note also claimed that over a long period of time some Soviet diplomats had been spying in China, "stealing secret intelligence and surreptitiously setting up counter-revolutionary organizations aimed at subverting the dictatorship of the proletariat in China."

It added: "Their criminal activities have been most frantic."

The note did not give details of these activities. But observers recall that recently Chinese officials have complained that several Russians stole a letter box in one of Peking's diplomatic compounds last year.

Soviet diplomats have also, according to Chinese sources, made a practice of entering Peking restaurants and masquerading as nationals of other countries in order to engage Chinese people in conversation.

Yu's note said such espionage activities by Soviet Embassy officials, "are wholly incompatible with normal functions of diplomatic personnel." It said the Russians had "trampled on accepted principles of international law," and "violated China's sovereignty."

The note said, "These facts show the utter hypocrisy of the Soviet authorities' claim that they want to normalize relations between the Soviet Union and China."

(AP, Reuter)

Vendetta fears spread in Ulster

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI). — Police stepped up patrolling in County Tyrone yesterday in an effort to stymie what they called a growing vendetta between Roman Catholic and Protestant extremists in the area.

The move came after suspected Protestants killed a 73-year-old Catholic man and wounded six others in apparent revenge for the slaying of a Protestant militiaman.

The deaths raised the toll to 938 persons killed in four years of violence among the majority Protestants, minority Catholics and the security forces of Northern Ireland.

Armenian Archbishop Hairig Aslanian, flanked by Sgan-Aluf Shlomo Malka, Military Governor of Bethlehem (left) and Mayor Elias Freij, approach the Church of the Nativity at opening ceremonies marking Armenian Christmas on Friday. (Steve Nenejian)

No gas rationing, Nixon predicts

WASHINGTON (UPI). — President Nixon said yesterday the U.S. is making progress in facing up to the energy crisis, and predicted hardships will be averted this winter and gas rationing prevented this spring.

Nixon said the consumption of gasoline, heating oil, natural gas and electricity have all been reduced substantially from levels last year.

Nixon, in a nationally broadcast radio address, said the progress was the result of his plea 10 weeks ago that Americans accept "some sacrifice and inconvenience" to ease expected fuel shortages.

"I am glad to be able to report we are making solid progress in facing up to this job..." he said. "It is your response to actions you take to save energy on a voluntary day-to-day basis that is now the most important reason for our success so far."

He said that when Congress returns tomorrow, he would renew his request for a windfall profits tax to prevent "unconscionable profits" by the major oil companies and other producers.

Partly as a result of "gasless Sundays," Nixon said, total consumption of gasoline in the U.S. in December was nearly 9 per cent below expectations.

"I can say confidently today we can prevent hardships this winter and prevent gas rationing this spring," he said. "It is your sacrifice that is making the difference — you deserve the credit."

The President said that in the long run, even oil-producing nations will suffer as their embargo policies approach the point where they are "self-defeating."

Nixon disputed critics who have accused the Administration of manufacturing the energy crisis for the benefit of the oil companies.

"The burden of energy conservation is not, I assure you, an artificial one — it is real."

Grand jury to probe Nixon tapes

WASHINGTON (UPI). — U.S. District Judge John Sirica suspended hearings into President Nixon's Watergate tape recordings on Friday and recommended that special prosecutor Leon Jaworski conduct a grand jury investigation.

Sirica said the evidence was "not yet conclusive" into the reasons behind Nixon's neglect to comply with subpoenas to produce tapes of a June 20, 1972 telephone conversation with former Attorney General John Mitchell, an April 15, 1973 meeting with former White House Counsel John Dean and all of the June 20, 1972 meetings with former White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman. The latter tape contains the much-discussed 18½-minute gap. The White House has said the first two never existed.

Sirica said a grand jury is the "traditonal institution to determine whether criminal conduct has been committed.

"It is the court's considered opinion there is a distinct possibility that unlawful conduct by one or more persons exists here," Sirica said.

The President's lawyers immediately issued a statement stressing that Sirica's decision "is not a conviction of any individual nor is it even an indictment.

"It would be wrong to conclude on the basis of Judge Sirica's decision that any individual within the White House is guilty of impropriety or wrongdoing in the handling of the Watergate tapes," said the statement.

'Savage fear of disclosure'

Solzhenitsyn answers critics

MOSCOW. — Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn accused Soviet authorities on Friday of attacking him and his new book out of "savage fear of disclosure" of the Communist regime's bloody past.

In his first public statement on the denunciations of him in the official press, he accused his critics of "cowardly anonymity" and challenged them, saying:

"I am certain that the time will soon come when this book will be read widely and even freely in our country, and there will be people with memories and with curiosity who will try to check: And what did the Soviet press write when this book appeared? And who signed it? And in the torrent of curses they will not find the names of those responsible."

In a statement made available to Western correspondents the 1970 Nobel Laureate said Soviet authorities are "clinging to the bloody past" of Stalinism in suppressing his book, "Gulag Archipelago."

He charged that some of the material used by Soviet papers came from a manuscript copy of the work seized by the secret police, known by its Russian initials KGB. The attack printed in "Literary Gazette," the weekly of the Soviet Writers Union, cited material from an unpublished section of the book, he said, and the anonymous critic could only have obtained the material from KGB headquarters.

Solzhenitsyn thus confirmed that the book, published on December 28 in Paris, was only a part of a larger work on the Stalinist terror.

Solzhenitsyn said the press campaign has not told Soviet readers what the book was about.

"Pravda" asserts that in our country there was "uncompromising criticism" of the period up to 1956. So, let them show their uncompromising criticism. I have given them the richest factual material."

He said that he had not expected Soviet authorities "would disavow to such an extent even their own former weak confessions. The line chosen by our propaganda organs is the line of savage fear of disclosure."

The 55-year-old author said the position taken by Soviet authorities "shows how tightly they cling to the bloody past and shows that they want to drag it with them, like an unopened bag, into the future."

He said there is still time to tell the whole story, and "what a cleansing that would be for the country."

In Moscow, yesterday, KGB secret police agents finished a 42-hour search of writer Viktor Nekrasov's apartment, confiscating everything connected with Solzhenitsyn, dissident sources said.

The sources said the agents took away box loads of Nekrasov's private papers, manuscripts and books, including everything by or about Solzhenitsyn and pictures of the beleaguered Nobel Laureate.

(AP, UPI)

Belgian gov't falls as Iran cancels oil deal

BRUSSELS (UPI). — Belgium's 22nd post-war government resigned yesterday in a coalition breakup caused by the collapse of a Belgo-Iranian oil-refining deal. King Baudouin accepted the resignation of Premier Edmond Leburton and his Socialist, Social-Christian and Liberal coalition. The King asked Leburton to handle running affairs until a new cabinet is formed.

A palace spokesman said the King would begin political consultations tomorrow, but political leaders immediately began a series of party bureau and faction meetings.

After announcing their walkout yesterday, Socialist ministers said only new elections could bring clarity to the dissensions among the coalition partners. Several said they were not prepared to serve with the same partners again.

Social-Christian and Liberal spokesmen contested this, saying the three-party coalition which controls 162 seats of the 212-seat Parliament was still the best formula.

The $275m. Ibramco oil refining project was decided in principle in December 1972. It was called off by Iran yesterday when the Social-Christians requested further negotiations on "certain conditions," including the price.

The cancellation dealt a severe blow to the Socialists, who had pushed the idea since 1967 as a means to create employment and development opportunities in the petrochemical industry in the French-speaking Liege province. They consider the province over-dependent on steel and still ailing after the closure of uneconomical coalmines.

The Socialists were furious when the other coalition parties balked at giving an unequivocal "yes" to the refinery.

Belgium is well accustomed to Government crises and this one is unlikely to be solved any more quickly than those in the past.

Did Sholokhov steal or write 'And Quiet Flows the Don'?

NEW YORK (AP). — The author of a new book about the Soviet Secret Service advocates an investigation of whether Russian author Mikhail Sholokhov actually wrote the book for which he received the Nobel Prize in literature in 1965.

John Barron, a senior editor of "Reader's Digest," said there is a widespread belief among Soviet intellectuals that Sholokhov plagiarized the work of an executed White Russian officer at whose trial he had served as prosecutor.

Barron wrote that Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva, told him: "It was common knowledge. Everyone has understood that he just stole those papers from a White Russian officer who died and included them in the book. It was a joke that the only thing he has ever written that was any good was what he had stolen."

Barron's suggestion is made in his book, "KGB," Russian initials fo the Soviet Secret Police organization. The book will be published tomorrow.

Russian-reading Westerners have long been puzzled by the startling contrast between "And Quiet Flows the Don" — a work of profound and passionate human understanding, surging action and brilliant literary qualities — and the hack work Sholokhov has produced since its publication in 1928.

Although the Swedish Royal Academy is supposed to award the Nobel Prize for the whole of a writer's work, this prize is generally believed to be based on only "Quiet Don."

Family 'attacked by devil' exorcised by U.S. priest

SAN FRANCISCO (AP). — A young family suffering "attacks of the devil" underwent the Roman Catholic rite of exorcism last fall, the Catholic priest who performed the exorcism said Friday.

The Rev. Karl Patzelt said the family — husband, wife and 2-year-old son — struggled with Satan for 29 days before the last of 14 ancient Christian rites "set them free."

Among the supernatural phenomena Father Patzelt described were "the throwing around of shoes, breaking windows, putting towels on fire, hitting them (the family) and thousands of other dirty tricks."

In one case, a knife was propelled across a room and imbedded in the wall, he said.

He said the young family was able to get only two hours sleep each night because of "the disturbances caused by the evil one."

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco confirmed that Father Patzelt performed the rite but refused to divulge details, including the name of the family.

Father Patzelt stressed the difference between this case and the fictional case in the film, "The Exorcist." He said the young girl in the film was the victim of demonic possession "where the devil takes over the bodily function."

In contrast, the California case was "obsession," or attack from without, Father Patzelt said.

The San Francisco Archdiocese said Father Patzelt, who is a Jesuit priest, will make a full statement tomorrow in Washington. The church said it would include documentation and photographs but no names.

Fifth suspect held in Getty kidnapping

ROME (UPI). — Investigators charged a fifth Southern Italian yesterday with a role in the $2.9m. kidnapping of J. Paul Getty III.

A warrant charging Calabrian-born Giuseppe Lamanna, 49, with abduction, inflicting serious wounds and criminal association was issued after crime laboratory experts said they identified banknotes in his apartment as part of the ransom payment.

Lamanna was one of eight suspects rounded up on Wednesday in the investigation into the abduction last July of the grandson of the American oil billionaire. Young Getty was held for more than five months by a gang that cut off his right ear to press its ransom demands.

Originally Lamanna was charged only with possession of narcotics. But police said on Friday that 50 banknotes among the $35,000 found secreted behind an unused gas stove and stuffed in furniture in his apartment bore special markings visible only under infrared light.

Three other natives of Calabria, the poor and Mafia-ridden area that forms the toe of the Italian boot, were arrested on the kidnapping charges Wednesday.

Dean Martin's son faces guns charge

LOS ANGELES (UPI). — Dean Martin Jr., 22-year-old son of the singer-actor, has been charged with illegal possession of seven unregistered machine-guns and an anti-tank cannon found in his home, according to a government complaint.

Martin was freed on $5,000 bonds on Friday. His attorney told newsmen young Martin had been a collector of unusual firearms since he was a boy. The complaint charging Martin said he sold two heavy weapons for $625 to a man who turned out to be an undercover agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, a division of the U.S. Treasury Department.

The charges carry a penalty of 10 years' imprisonment or a $10,000 fine or both. Federal officials said Martin's father had no knowledge of his son's activities.

Thieves' market was for real

TULSA, Oklahoma (UPI). — Harry Geilfuss, 46, opened his shop nine months ago and called it "Thieves' Market No. 1." His publicity leaflets advertised "hot new items... at a fraction of wholesale."

Police raided the store Friday and found $50,800 worth of stolen goods. "He was awfully brazen," said Tulsa County Sheriff Dave Faulkner.

Gifts arrive from U.S. children

Contributions to the 25th drive of *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund are still coming in. The children of the Hebrew School of Temple Beth Sholom, Framingham, Massachusetts, organized a sale of their own handiwork, and various merchants in their community were very helpful in providing items which were sold through the students to the benefit of the Toy Fund.

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As they have been doing for many years, the children of the Religious School of the Peninsula Temple Sholom of Burlingame, California, have made their contribution to the Toy Fund from printing and selling Hanukka greeting-cards to members of the Congregation. This year the cards were specially designed by Jess and Judy Herman.

As our list today indicates, quite a number of children of religious schools throughout the United States have become faithful contributors to the Toy Fund.

With the IL5,187.04 received during the last week, the total stands now at IL95,320.62.

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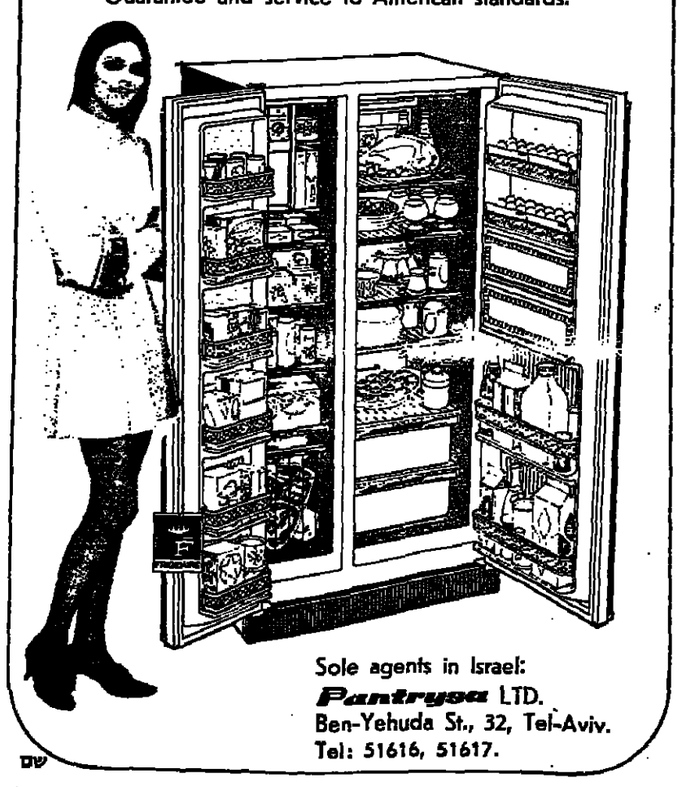

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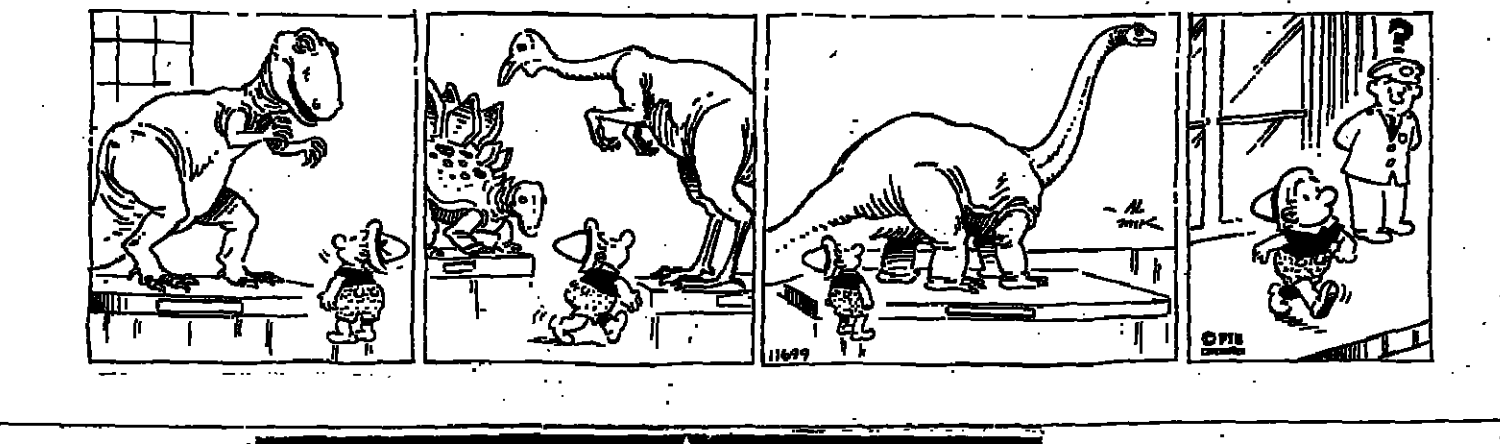

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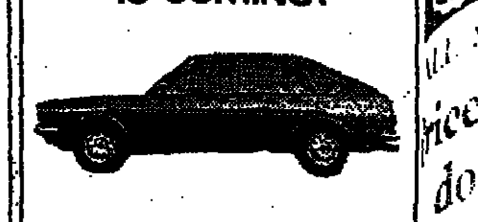

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

6.05 "Morning Concert" — Boccherini: Suite of Dances (Conductor: Rolf Reinhardt); Schmeltzer: Sonata for 7 Flutes (Conductor: Hans-Martin Linde); Schumann: Three Romances (Walter Klein — Piano); Prokofiev: Classical Symphony (Conductor: André Previn).
9.05 Beethoven: Sextet in B-flat major for Strings and 2 Horns (The Endres Quartet with Erich Penzel and Gerd Haneke); Mendelssohn: Trio in D-minor, opus 49 (Trio Bell' Arte). 9.55 English News. 10.05 Mahler: "Das Klagende Lied" (Conductor: Pierre Boulez). 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.40 Programme for Elementary Schools. 11.40 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 12.35 Midday Concert: Haydn: Horn Concerto No. 1 (Soloist Barry Tuckwell) Six German Dances (Conductor: Neville Marriner). 1.05 "At midday." 1.35 Midday Concert — Stravinsky: "Apollon Musagete"; Handel: "The Arrival of Queen of Sheba" (Conductor: Neville Marriner).
2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Tunes for Tweens" Old Ballads and Elisabethan Songs in Shakespeare's Plays — A programme produced by Israel Dallot. 4.05 Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Book Review. 4.10 Literature. 4.30 "Musica Viva" — Stephan Wolpe: Piece in Two Parts for Violin, Trumpet, Clarinet, Cello, Harp and Piano; Luigi Dallapiccola: 1. "Sex Carmina Alcaei" (Heather Harper-Soprano) 2. Piccola Musica (Notturna) (Conductor F. Prausnitz) 3. Preghiere (Soloist: B. McDaniel — Baritone). 5.05 "Music for Sunday" Dufay: "L'Homme arme," Missa (The Berkeley Chamber Singers conducted by Alden Gilchrist); Britten: Missa Brevis (Boys' Choir conducted by Brian Brunnett). 5.55 English News. 6.05 People and Figures. 6.25 In the Paths of Literature. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today" 7.35 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Yeshayahu, Chaps. 41 and 42. 8.05 Film Review. 8.45 "From our Concert Halls" The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Berlioz: Overture "Benvenuto Cellini" (Conductor: Gary Bertini); Bach: Cantata No. 196 (Stella Richmond-Soprano, with The Tel Aviv Philharmonic Choir, directed by Stanley Sperber, Conductor: Avraham Kaplan); Kodaly: Missa Brevis, for Choir and Orchestra (Soloists: Stella Richmond, Mira Zakkai, Menashe Hadjes and Willy Haparnas, with the Tel Aviv Choir. Conductor: A. Kaplan). 10.05 "Curtain Up." 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Chamber Up." 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Chamber Music" — Borodin: String Quartet No. 2 in D-major (Quartetto Italiano). 12.05 A Moment of Poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 2.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.05 Same as Second Programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 256, 355 and 340.5 M.

5.05a.m. Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.26 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.11 "Good morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 Good Morning (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and Sketches. 1.05 "At Midday." 1.25 Hebrew Songs. 2.05 This is Ehud Manor. 3.05 Popular Songs. 3.58 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 Foreign Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit Parade (cont). 5.55 "Traffic Sign." 6.05 Hit Parade (cont.). 6.45 Today's Sport. 9.05 "Traveller's Bag" —meetings with Nazis in South America. 10.05 "The Club of Music." 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 The Problem in Question. 11.50 Old Favourites. 1.05-8.00 Songs and Tunes.

ISRAEL TELEVISION

5.30 News. 5.32 The Brady Bunch. 6.00 Ot Ot. 8.00 Family Affair. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 "What's New." 9.50 "The Saint." 10.40 Nathan Alterman's Songs 11.30 News.

Educational: 7.50 Technology 9. 8.15 Geometry 9. 9.05 English 5. 9.25 Citizenship 7. 10.00 English 9. 10.20 Science 5. 10.45 Qui a Casse? 11.25 Math 5. 12.00 English 10. 12.20 Advice and Guidance 7. 1.00 Technical Drawing 9. 1.20 A game on Word 7-8. 1.40 Chess-Lesson 18. 4.00 Handiwork. 4.15 Chess-Lesson 18. 4.40 Qui a Casse? 5.00 Mother and us.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 The Forest Rangers. 7.00 Hollywood and the Stars. 7.30 News.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 6.00 News. 6.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 340.M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit La'am 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.0 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

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7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves; 9.55 a.m. (1st programme); 1.30 2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); (4th programme): 10.00-10.4 p.m. (short waves).

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7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 10.55 a.m. (1st programme); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.50 p.m. (1st programme) 8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00 1.00 a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 522, 256 and 221 M.
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6.05 a.m. Early Morning Tunes. 6.5 To Soldiers and their families. 7.0 Morning Tunes (cont.). 7.55 Programme Trailer. 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Requests. 10.55 Uri Lela's Corner. 11.0 Warm and Tasty. — Gretings. 11.3 Mordechai Naor's Corner. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.0 "I'll never forget." 1.35 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 Announcements. 2.05 Entertainment — with Mani Peer and Revital Amit. 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer. 3.05 Entertainment (cont.). 4.3 "Questions for a Moment." 4.35 Entertainment (cont.). 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel 4.50 Tunes for Everybody — greetings 6.05 "Radiosport." 8.05 Hebrew Hit Parade. 10.05 Tonight with Uri Sela. 11. Midnight Talks. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel 12.30 "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat-Zvi. 3.05 Tunes in the Night.

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Business and Finance

WALL STREET REACTS TO MID-EAST

Prices up on anticipation, down after the news

NEW YORK (AP).—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange rose most of this week in anticipation of an agreement leading toward Middle East peace. But after the agreement came, there was a sharp drop on Friday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, however, closed the week with a 13.99-point gain at 855.47.

"It was a classic example of buying on anticipation and selling on the news," said analyst Larry Wechtel of Bache and Company.

There was also disappointment that the Mid-East agreement on troop disengagement did not bring indications of early lifting of the Arab oil embargo. Government announcements indicating that inflation is continuing and that 1973 fourth-quarter economic growth slowed did not help market optimists.

The New York Stock Exchange Index rose 1.04 to 51.16, while the American Stock Exchange Market Value Index rose 2.23 to 95.56. In over-the-counter trading, the composite index rose 3.09 to 95.32.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index closed up 1.90 at 95.56, while the Associated Press 60-stock average closed up 2.4 at 28.9.

Of the 1,972 issues traded during the week, there were 1,216 advances and 538 declines.

Volume on the Big Board for the week totalled 80.29 million shares, down from he previous week's 86.47-million-share level.

Of the 20 most active issues, seven declined and 13 advanced. Occidental Petroleum was the volume leader on the Big Board, up 1½ to 11⅝. American Motors was up ¼ to 9½, and Phillips Petroleum, was off 4⅝ to 55.

A number of oil stocks registered declines amid congressional criticism of the industry's role in the oil shortage.

Autos were strong, with GM up 3 to 50⅞, Ford up 2⅝ to 43⅝, and Chrysler up 1¼ to 17½.

GOLD HITS $130

'Record prices expected this year'

LONDON (AP). — Gold bullion prices soared on West European markets on Friday to a record high. The dollar advanced marginally and the pound sterling steadied in a light rally both against the dollar and other European currencies.

The dollar price of gold made its most spectacular advance in Paris, where gold reached $130.83 an ounce. Its previous high in the French capital was $127.85 on Thursday. Gold's highest price anywhere was $130.50 in London last week.

In London and Zurich, where gold lost ground at the morning fixings, there was a sudden reversal during the day. In London, the afternoon fixing was set at $130 an ounce, a record fixing price. The fixing is the price set jointly by the main dealers as a preference point for trading.

After losing $.80 in London in opening deals, gold jumped back to close the day at $130 an ounce, on par with the fixing price.

Zurich followed suit and gold closed at $130 an ounce, up from $128.75 on Thursday.

The sudden surge in the gold price follows deadlock on questions of monetary reform at the meeting of the 20 finance ministers in Rome, according to South African Finance Minister Nicholaas Diedrichs.

He told newsmen that the free price of gold will reach $150 "in the course of this year."

Dealers here also said that in Paris the franc was under pressure to devalue. This could explain in part why gold had risen so steeply there in the last three days, as people shed money for gold, they said.

With attention focused on bullion, the foreign exchange markets were quieter. The U.S. dollar advanced marginally in Paris and Zurich, but was lower in Frankfurt and London.

In Paris, it rose to 4.98 French francs, a gain of half a centime on Thursday. In Frankfurt, it closed at 2.82 marks, a drop of one pfennig, and in London sterling rose marginally against the dollar at $2.1878, up two-thirds of a cent.

Sterling also improved marginally in Europe.

IMF MINISTERS FAIL TO REACH COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

'Reform of world monetary system is at least two years away'

ROME (AP). — After a week-long meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), indications are that reform of the world's monetary system is still at least two years away.

Officially, the IMF target date of July 31 still stands for agreement on a more stable monetary system to finance world trade. But IMF experts now believe the present stop-gap system of floating exchange rates will go on well into 1976.

The reforms, which are supposed to smooth world trade, have in recent months been a victim of trade disruptions caused by the skyrocketing price of oil.

The oil price increases are expected to add $75,000m. on to the import bills of nations that buy oil abroad. And unless there is progress at next month's crisis meeting of top oil importers, the oil issue could continue to block monetary reform, the experts say.

The lack of progress toward reform could mean a continued rise in the value of the U.S. dollar and the rise in the price of gold, which on Friday set a record high in Paris.

The dollar is now floating outside fixed exchange rates, according to supply and demand. In recent months, it has been floating up, helped by investors who think the oil squeeze will hurt the U.S. less than Western Europe or Japan.

Monetary reforms could limit the dollar's rise by establishing new rules, under which governments would use buy and sell orders to keep currency values steady. But at the just completed Rome meetings, there was virtually no progress on determining how extensive the rules should be.

A principal area of reform would be the return of many currencies to fixed exchange rates, but Jeremy Morse of Britain, who heads the "Group of 20" drafting the reforms, said on Friday that a return to fixed rates would probably have to wait until 1976.

Further IMF meetings are scheduled for March, May and June, but if the June session does not agree on reforms, the "Group of 20" will hand over its reform tasks to a new IMF body, a council of governors, which will meet four times a year.

"Prices of crude oil today are above what they will be in the long term," Shultz said, because alternative sources of energy will be developed.

"I hope there will also be some 'give' in the short term."

Shultz said the disengagement of forces agreement in the Middle East "enhanced the prospects of peace in that part of the world" but he did not directly link this to his suggestion that oil prices should come down.

U.S. Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz told newsmen after Friday's meeting he thought the week's talks had been decisive in setting out a future programme of work. He confirmed the meeting had accepted the principle of valuing the special drawing rights (SDR) in terms of "a standard basket of currencies," but that details must still be worked out.

Shultz said there had been wide differences of views on the oil question.

"It was important to have frank and realistic discussions," he said. "Everything was not sweetness and light."

But he expressed the hope that positions clarified here would make progress possible at the energy crisis conference President Nixon has called for February 11 in Washington.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

LONDON. — Retail prices in Britain in 1973 rose faster than in any other previous 12-month period on record, the Government reported on Friday. Retail prices shot up by 10.6 per cent. The Government warned of more price rises in future, as natural gas and other raw materials, and higher wages worked their way through. The retail price increase in 1972 was 7.7 per cent and in 1971 it was nine per cent.

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BRUSSELS. — The U.S.S.R. and Communist countries will be running up debts to the U.S. and other Western countries that pose problems of payment, says a report by Nato experts. The share of the Communist countries in the foreign trade of the 15 Nato countries is still small — three to four per cent.

But if present multi-million-dollar East-West negotiations go through for the development of Soviet oil, natural gas and other raw material, Soviet debts will mount. The West will have to ship out costly equipment for years, before the Soviets are able to balance the cost by big increases in their exports.

This deficit, the report suggests, will need to be covered by Western credits, or possibly by the use of gold.

De facto devaluation

FRENCH FLOAT FRANC

PARIS (UPI). — The Government last night announced the franc will float freely for a period of six months and called a special session of Parliament for Tuesday to deal with monetary questions.

The action means the French Central Bank will not support the other currencies of the European Monetary Union during the six month period.

Many economists see the action as a de facto devaluation of the franc. The value of the franc may dip when the financial markets open tomorrow.

The government delayed public announcement of its measures to give time for Finance Minister Valery Giscard D'Estaing to inform other members of the European Common Market and African countries whose currency is still tied to the franc.

By abandoning support for the faltering franc, experts said, the Government was in effect allowing it to float free, affected by only supply and demand.

Under an agreement reached in the spring of last year, six European countries, including France, pledged themselves to allow their currencies to float jointly against a then-weakened dollar.

The agreement specified that central banks were to intervene to limit the variation in their currencies' value to a fixed amount.

But the dollar has since become much stronger and the franc in particular has suffered. Last summer, a dollar could buy about 3.8 francs. This week, a dollar brought 5.14 francs.

TOURIST COMPANY APPEAL:

Keep Zim's passenger line going

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The German travel company, Rex, which has signed charters with the Zim Passenger Lines for three trips to Israel this year, has appealed to the Government not to renege on Zim's commitments. The company is partly owned by the Government.

The Rex firm had undertaken to bring up to 500 passengers — mainly German pilgrims — on each of the trips, scheduled for February, July and October.

The firm's local agent, Mr. Dov Meier, of Palex-Tours, told *The Post* on Friday that the appeal had been made through the Israeli embassy in Bonn. Many hotel bookings have already been made, and Rex has paid an advance to the passenger line.

Mr. Meier said Rex had signed the charter agreements with the Zim Lines on October 1, and had been "dismayed" when the company's board had decided to recommend that the government abolish the company.

Rex could recoup financial losses through legal redress. But the Rex management felt that the reneging of a written commitment by a national company, so shortly after it was made, was bound to have negative repercussions among German businessmen dealing with Israel.

Zim had signed charter agreements with a number of German and Dutch firms for cruises in 1974, totalling some $3m. The usual practice, in case of a unilateral abrogation, is to obtain redress for the extra expenses involved in obtaining alternative charters.

The government is scheduled to decide on the board's recommendation at its meeting today, it was learned. The company lost over IL8m. from the operation of its two ships, Dan and Nili, last year. And in view of increased costs, it has been estimated that the losses would rise to IL15m. this year.

The losses are covered by Government subsidies, since the Zim Company, which is a 50 per cent partner in the firm with the government, has declined to cover any further losses, and its general manager has stressed that there is no economic justification for continued operation of the ships.

The Government may decide to operate one of the ships for this year, in order to meet the charter commitments. Both ships are now laid up in Haifa, pending the government decision.

The Seamen's Union is demanding that the ships remain in operation, in order to save the jobs of the 260 men employed on it. The union has threatened to call strikes throughout the Merchant Navy if the Government decides on abolition.

$100m. project includes Hilton hotel

KUWAIT INVESTIS IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Georgia (AP). — An investment company from the oil-rich sheikhdom of Kuwait has bought 50 per cent of the Atlanta Centre, Ltd., and there are reports that the same firm is interested in financing a South Carolina resort.

The company, KIC Inc., paid an undisclosed sum to become a limited partner in the project now under construction here and being developed by Crow, Pope and Land Enterprises of Atlanta. The project, to be completed next year, already is worth more than $100m.

It also is reported that KIC is interested in financing the $30m. resort of Kaiwah Island, off Charleston, South Carolina.

"We never actually met anyone from KIC," said A.J. Land of the development group for Atlanta Centre Ltd.

"They were represented by a division of Bly, Eastman, Dillon and Co., the New York brokerage house," he said.

"We were told that KIC, Inc., was a South-Carolina-chartered company that was owned by a Kuwaiti group. The deal was signed last spring."

The project, in which KIC has acquired an ownership interest, is a 35-storey Hilton hotel, a 20-storey office tower and a retail mall. The mortgage financing from insurance companies for the project, a reported $74m., was said to be the largest loan to a southeast real estate development.

Land said he doubted there would be any adverse reaction to the public disclosure that an Arab country has invested in one of his firm's projects.

Japan to give $1,000m. 'aid' for Iraqi fuel

TOKYO (UPI). — Yasuhiro Nakasone, Minister of International Trade and Industry, has said Iraq has agreed to supply Japan with more than 160 million tons of crude oil and oil products over 10 years, in return for $1,000m. in Japanese Governmental and private aid. Nakasone said the aid to Iraq might be increased to $2,000m., although a final decision has not been made.

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Focus on Damascus

AS details of the disengagement agreement gradually emerge they justify the cautious optimism that has been voiced. While the ultimate test of the agreement will be its successful implementation, the terms are designed to satisfy the basic interests of both sides and thus give good cause for hope.

The force reductions undertaken by Egypt are particularly significant and when carried out will go a long way towards defusing the Canal Zone militarily. The interposition of a substantial Unef force is aimed to protect each side against surprise attack by the other.

For Israel, participation of the U.N. in the peacekeeping effort inevitably arouses dubious associations. Hopefully the Unef force this time — and it will be a large force of some 7,000 men — will not be removable at the whim of either side or at the demand of countries hostile to Israel.

The detailed terms under which the Unef force is to be stationed between the two armies have not yet been revealed. Apparently the Security Council is to have the final say on its disposition. This means that the U.S. veto alone could prevent its removal — and it is to be hoped that Israel has received from the U.S. suitably firm commitments that this veto would be used if necessary.

As an earnest of its goodwill, Israel has already informed Egypt that it will not adopt the same scorched earth policy as it did when it pulled out of Sinai in 1956-7. The roads and bridges on the west bank will not be destroyed. Israel hopes to see Egypt using them soon, not for warlike purposes, but to transport civilians back to their Canal-side city homes, and to bring engineers and dredging equipment to the Canal to begin work on its reopening.

For Israel, the best earnest of Egypt's good faith and sincere desire for peace would be the speedy resuscitation of commercial and civilian life in the Suez Canal region.

The Egyptian-Israel agreement could make it somewhat easier for Secretary Kissinger to persuade Syria's President Assad to conclude a similar agreement.

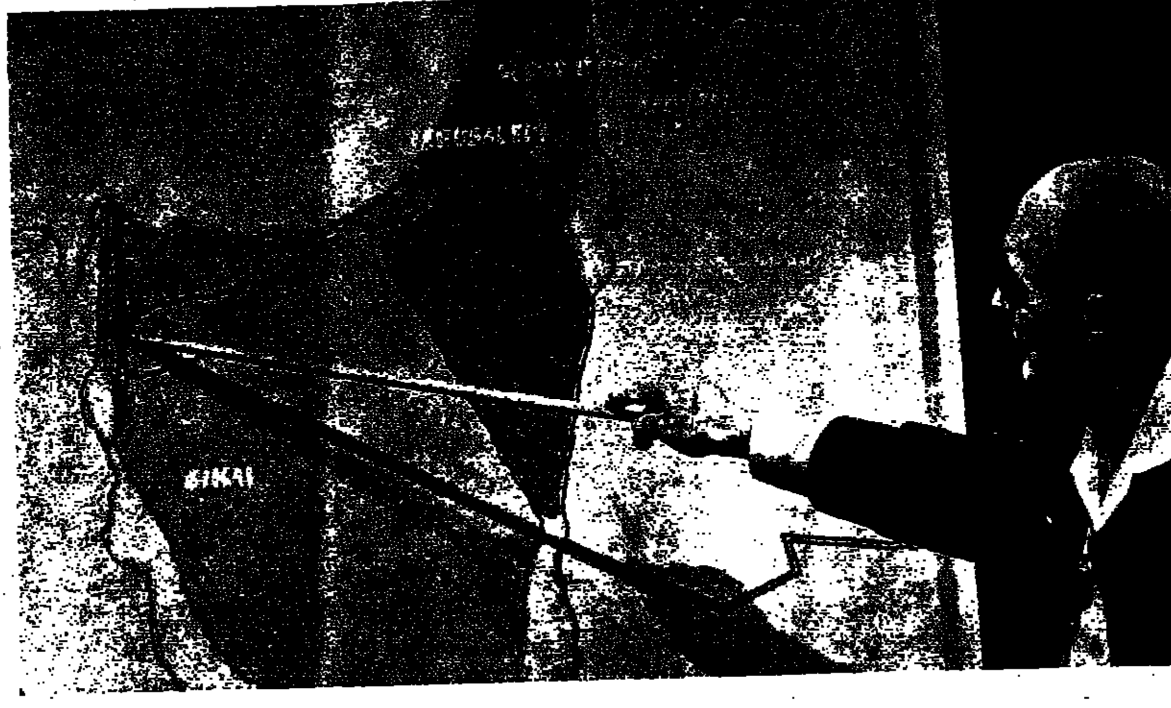
But talks with Syria, if they get underway, are likely to be much tougher than those with Egypt. The delicate military balance which the war produced on the southern front does not exist in the north, where Israel drove the Syrians out of the Golan Heights and deep into their own territory.

The Syrians' proven atrocities committed during the fighting and their behaviour toward our prisoners have further deepened the historic hostility with Damascus.

Yet the agreement with Egypt shows that not all problems need be solved on the battlefield. And this, if fully digested by the Syrians, could lead to movement on the northern front as well.

Dr. Henry Kissinger and Mr. Eban breakfast Friday morning on a train which took the Secretary from Jerusalem through the snow of the Judean Hills to Ben-Gurion Airport. (Weiss)

The tent at Kilometre 101, with UN troops, and Israeli and Egyptian MP's on Friday morning, before the two Chiefs of Staff arrived to sign the disengagement agreement. (Rubinger)



Mr. Dayan points to the new Israeli line during a telecast on Friday night. (Israel Sun)

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The separation agreement

Ha'aretz (non-party) says the separation agreement will achieve its aim of stabilizing the cease-fire, and it also obviates any possibility of a war of attrition. Should the Egyptians wish to renew hostilities all the same, they will have to concentrate more of their forces on the east bank than are permitted under the agreement, something which will be very hard to do without it becoming known. A major factor in achieving the agreement has been Israel's enclave on the west bank of the Canal, for it made the Egyptians agreeable to a reduced presence on the east bank.

Davar (Histadrut) stresses the similarity between the present agreement and that proposed by Israel two years ago, and says it was the war that made it easier for the Egyptian's to accept it. As far as the Egyptians are concerned, not only will the Israeli presence west of the Canal be eliminated, but they will also be able to rehabilitate the Canal zone without any military risk. If the agreement stands the test, it will be the first step toward peace. If not, Israel will still be in an effective position to defend itself.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) agrees that it is in effect the same agreement as two years ago. The fact that the Egyptians seem willing to sign it shows that they are not intent on war. No less important is the fact that the agreement was achieved thanks to mediation by the Americans, who are both friendly to Israel and acceptable to the Egyptians.

Omer (Histadrut) welcomes the agreement, which is the first of its kind since the armistice of 1949. The agreement provides for the vital interests of both sides, and the fact that it is readily acceptable to the Egyptians will also help ensure that their end of it is upheld.

Hatzofe (National Religious) says that in spite of the anxiety attached to its implementation, the new agreement signed on Friday at Kilometre 101 offers Israel a real opportunity to reach at least a partial solution by political means rather than war. "A peace-loving nation is now trying out this method while it digs in along the new lines."

Moscow wants faster access to Indian Ocean

Soviet navy needs reopened Canal

By K.C. THALER

LONDON (UPI). — The USSR will derive considerable advantages from the projected reopening of the Suez Canal and a shorter route to the increasingly strategic Indian Ocean, Western defence experts said yesterday.

But the U.S. nevertheless felt that an open Suez Canal, albeit with Soviet shipping, is preferable to a closed Canal, blocked by continuing Middle East conflict.

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was quoted by General Moshe Dayan as saying that "an open Canal and an end to the conflict was preferable to a closed Canal and an open conflict, and the inherent possibility of conflagration."

An open Canal would shorten the journey for Soviet naval ships from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean by four fifths.

Soviet interests in the Indian Ocean have been steadily growing, and the USSR has succeded obtaining some naval facilities in the area. Western diplomats consider this push to the Indian Ocean is part of the USSR's policy to isolate China.

The Kremlin has thus systematically strengthened its ties with India. The Kremlin also has stepped up its pressure for an Asian security pact, which Peking said is clearly intended to isolate China.

Defence experts said that for these reasons and as part of its global naval strategy, the Soviets are building up their naval presence in the Indian Ocean, seeking so-called "naval facilities" in the area, and developing them progressively. Such facilities have lately been also sought by the USSR in India, apparently with some success.

The USSR needed the Suez Canal badly during the Vietnam War, when she used the waterway to ship vast quantities of arms in a hurry to Hanoi. The loss of the Canal passage was a big blow.

At that time, the USSR strongly pressed for the reopening of the Canal. The U.S. was not particularly anxious to speed this process.

The distance from the Black Sea to the Gulf of Aden, where the Soviets have established a foothold for operations in the Indian Ocean, is some 3,600 kms. The route through the Mediterranean and around the Cape is about 18,000 kms. The distance from Vladivostok (the USSR's Far East port) to the Indian Ocean is some 15,000 kms.

In addition to the Aden facilities, the Soviets have some at the Somali naval base of Berbera, at Umm Qasr in Iraq, and the facilities in India.

More recently, the Soviets have maintained a studied silence on the Canal issue, though Communist diplomats have left little doubt in private talks that Moscow would be happy to see the Suez waterway open, and the sooner the better.

World reaction to disengagement accord

'STAGE IS SET TO END OIL EMBARGO AGAINST THE U.S.'

BEIRUT. — The Arab world gave a mixed reaction on Friday to the disengagement agreement.

Some reports said the stage was set for an early termination of the Arab oil embargo against the U.S.

Lebanese newspapers agreed the accord was a personal triumph for U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

A cartoon in the pro-Egyptian "Al Anwar" showed a smiling Kissinger making a "V for Victory" sign and saying "I am the only victory, not Egypt, not Israel."

Micheal Abu Jawdeh, columnist of the independent "An Nahar," said the disengagement accord was an "historic turning point that set the Middle East on the course of peace for the first time in 25 years. Kissinger, who brought this event about, deserves a second Nobel Peace Prize."

But the mood in Syria appeared gloomy. The only comment from Damascus came in an editorial by "Al Ba'ath," newspaper of the ruling Socialist Ba'ath Party, which said: "The Arab masses everywhere will remain true to the blood of our martyrs on the battlefield. This blood will remain the torch that illuminates the path of struggle by arms, economy and diplomacy to achieve the Arab nations' aspirations fully."

Jordan's "Al-Ra'y" welcomed the agreement and called for a similar separation of forces on the Syrian and Jordanian fronts with Israel.

"The stopping of blood-letting on the Suez Canal is itself of importance, especially when it is linked right from the beginning to a similar achievement on the Jordanian and Syrian confrontation lines."

Other commentary on the disengagement agreement:

• The "New York Times" in an editorial on Friday welcomed the agreement as a "notable achievement for all the parties involved." The newspaper praised the "shuttle diplomacy" efforts of Secretary of State Kissinger, noting that "his success in winning the respect and confidence of the leaders of both sides was the more remarkable because of the handicaps he faced with the Egyptians as an American and a Jew.

"Successful disengagement, in and of itself, can create a favourable climate for the direct discussions between the parties which should now go forward without delay in Geneva."

• In Moscow, "Pravda" reported briefly and without comment yesterday.

The report gave the bare-bones provisions of the accord, citing as its source "Western news agencies." The dispatch made no mention that the agreement had been promoted by the peripatetic diplomacy of Dr. Kissinger. Nor did it indicate that Israeli withdrawal to a line 32 kms east of the Canal overfulfills the demand so insistently broadcast by the Soviets two months ago that Israel pull back to the October 22 cease-fire line.

• In London, Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home warmly welcomed the agreement: "We congratulate the governments concerned on this significant achievement and Dr. Kissinger on the immense efforts which he has made to help bring it about. We hope that this agreement on disengagement will lead rapidly to further progress towards an overall settlement."

"The London Times" said: "That Israel has made concessions is certainly true. But surely not even Begin and Tamir suppose that peace can be achieved without concessions... The Egyptians, too, have made important concessions, for which they will no doubt be criticized in the Arab world...

Any further Israeli delay in withdrawing, or any repetition by Egypt of the illicit missile movements which followed the 1970 cease-fire, could yet render it worse than useless."

The "Daily Telegraph" said: "Israel's very wise agreement to withdraw looks like a momentous breakthrough. What has been achieved so far greatly exceeds anything that seemed likely last October or since the cease-fire. Egypt's good faith will be put to the test, and Russia's attitude will also have to be closely watched. The future will show whether Russia is working for peace, or whether she wants to keep the Middle East pot boiling."

• In Tokyo, the Japanese Foreign Ministry welcomed the signing of the agreement and said Japan hoped it would be the 'first valuable step toward a just and lasting peace" in the Middle East.

• Vatican radio expressed hope on Friday that the disengagement accord may soon be followed by a similar agreement between Israel and Syria.

The radio recalled Pope Paul VI's reference in a Christmas speech to the plight of Palestinian refugees and to the "special character" of Jerusalem as a city sacred to three religions.

• President Idi Amin of Uganda said yesterday the agreement appears to be an exercise in rescuing President Nixon from Watergate and General Dayan from military disaster.

'N.Y. TIMES' MILITARY ANALYST

'Strategic balance in Cairo's favour'

NEW YORK (JTA). — The "New York Times" military analyst, Drew Middleton, said yesterday Israel's pending withdrawal from its bridgehead west of the Suez Canal and Egypt's retention of positions on the east bank and of cross-Canal bridges "appear to shift the strategic balance in Cairo's favour."

Middleton quoted a U.S. military expert as saying, "taking away that Israeli force is like removing a pistol pointed at the heart of Egypt." Middleton said some U.S. officials also argue that the disengagement agreement might have an adverse military effect on the long-range position of the U.S. and Israel, because if the agreement covers reopening the Canal, the USSR would get an important strategic advantage in quicker movement of its naval forces in the area.

Middleton also said that once Unef units are in place, the Israeli forces at the passes will offer no direct deterrent to the Egyptian Second and Third armies.

In a situation of reinforced and rearmed Egyptian armies, the expectancy of the Unef units becomes important, since it depends on renewal after six months. Middleton questioned what would happen if the Soviets vetoed an extension of the resolution and forced withdrawal of UN troops. Against such problems, Middleton said, Israeli demobilization may be slower than expected.

He said the thinning out of Egyptian forces east of the Canal and withdrawal of Sam missiles and heavy artillery does not basically affect the military balance.

Readers' letters

The return of territories

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Nowaday, when we are being called on in Geneva to return the territories which we "conquered," it is impossible not to remember some famous words: "We have not occupied other people's land or taken other people's property, but only the inheritance of our ancestors, unjustly seized for a time by our enemies. We have grasped our opportunity and have claimed our patrimony." These words were spoken, not by members of the Land of Israel Movement, but by Simon the Hasmonean, in answer to the demand of Antiochus Epiphanes (HaRasha) for the return of territories which had been conquered (I Maccabees 15:33-34).

SHOSHANA HALEVI

Jerusalem, January 8.

GENEVA APPEASEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Six months after the Munich-Appeasement, Czechoslovakia was liquidated. Twelve months after the Munich-Appeasement, we had World War Two.

History will move faster in the nuclear age.

Thirty days after Geneva-Appeasement, Israel will be extinguished by the imperialistic, war-mongering, munitions merchants in the Kremlin.

Sixty days after Geneva-Appeasement, the guerillas and mercenaries of the criminal, conspirational oligarchy in the Kremlin will seize the Middle East oil fields.

Ninety days after Geneva-Appeasement, World War Three will be in progress.

ROLAND PRITIKIN

Rockford, Ill. January 8.

The International Red Cross

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your military correspondent, Mr. Ze'ev Schul, reports th Israel will submit evidence on th maltreatment and torture of h prisoners of war to the U.N. an the International Committee of th Red Cross, but without expecting an formal response as both bodies ar dominated by large majorities open ly siding with the Arab states (De cember 3).

The ICRC was founded in 1863 and consists only of Swiss citizens (Article 6 of its Statutes). It unde takes humanitarian activities "as specifically neutral and independent institution."

Perhaps Mr. Schul is confusi the ICRC with some other organi tion.

SYDNEY D. BAIL

London, December 6.

The International Committee of Red Cross is indeed an independ council of 25 Swiss citizens, w headquarters at Geneva. The con sion arises because of the existen of the League of Red Cross Societi which is formed of more than 1 national societies. An internatio conference, held in principle ev four years, includes representati of these two groups, as well as the third component of the Red Cr movement, namely the national R Cross societies, plus representati of the governments that adhere the Geneva Convention. — *Ed. J.P.*

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